

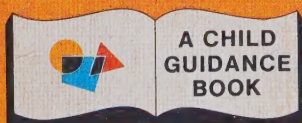
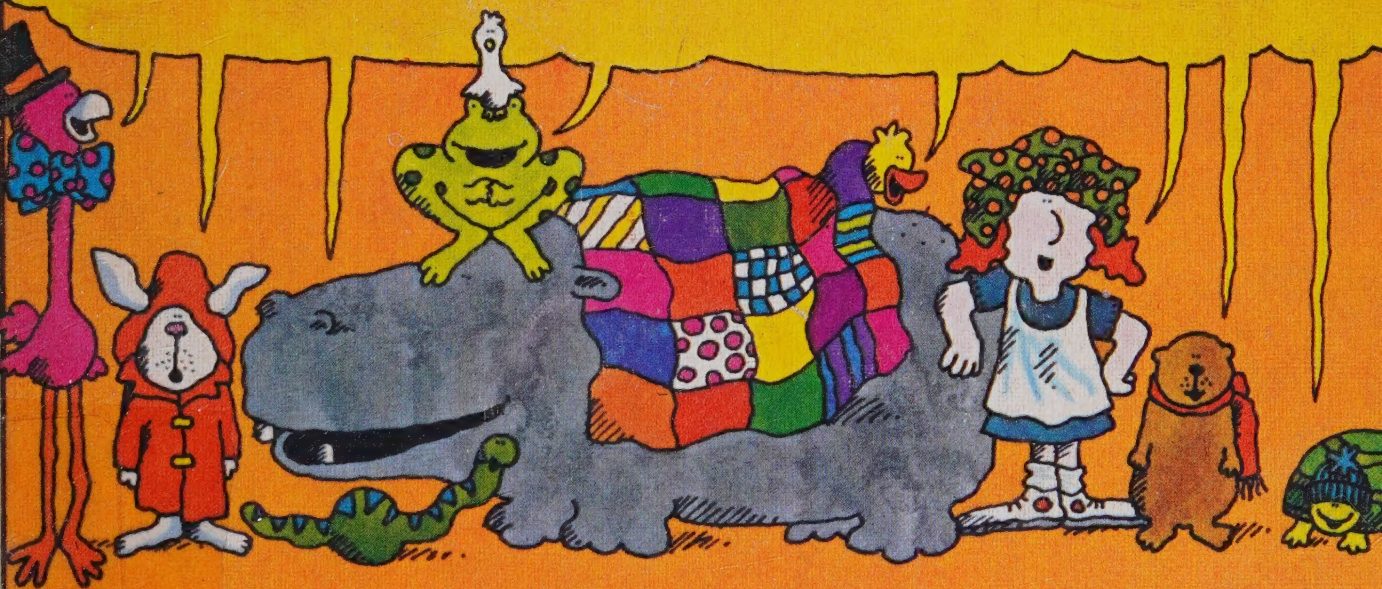


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*For Bill who thought of the "Eel Page",
and for Eric who wanted to change the labels,
but we didn't.*

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jno
pze
huv
fgbi
fwbt
ycrt
arl
sx
qmk

a



A Code For Sounds

When we say words, we make sounds.

We make two sounds to say **at**.

We make three sounds to say **hat**.

Suppose we want to show a word on paper.

We can draw pictures.

We can draw this  for **hat**,
but how do we draw a picture of **at**?

Suppose we invented pictures for sounds.

It would be a code.

Each picture would stand for a sound.

This picture 

could stand for the first sound in **at**.

This picture 

could stand for the second sound in **at**.

Somebody could look at our pictures,
make the sounds, and say the word.

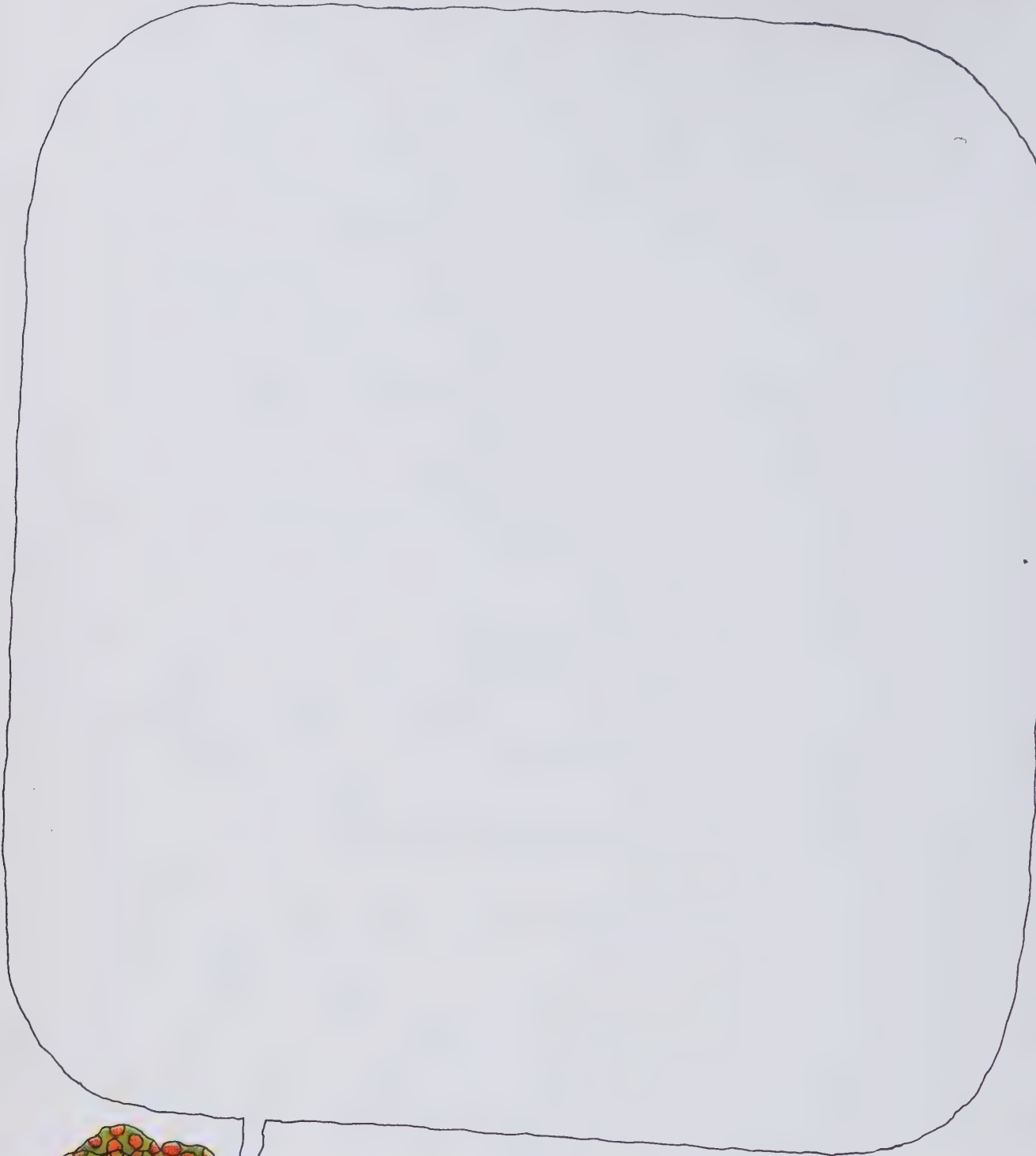
A long time ago people did this.

They invented pictures for sounds.

The pictures they invented are called letters,
and the letters stand for sounds.

There are only twenty-six letters in the code we use.

We call our code for sounds the alphabet.



Beginning Consonants: One Sound

There are two kinds of letters:
consonants and vowels.

The difference between consonants and vowels
is something like the difference
between bread and peanut butter.

Bread gives shape to a sandwich
but peanut butter holds the bread together.

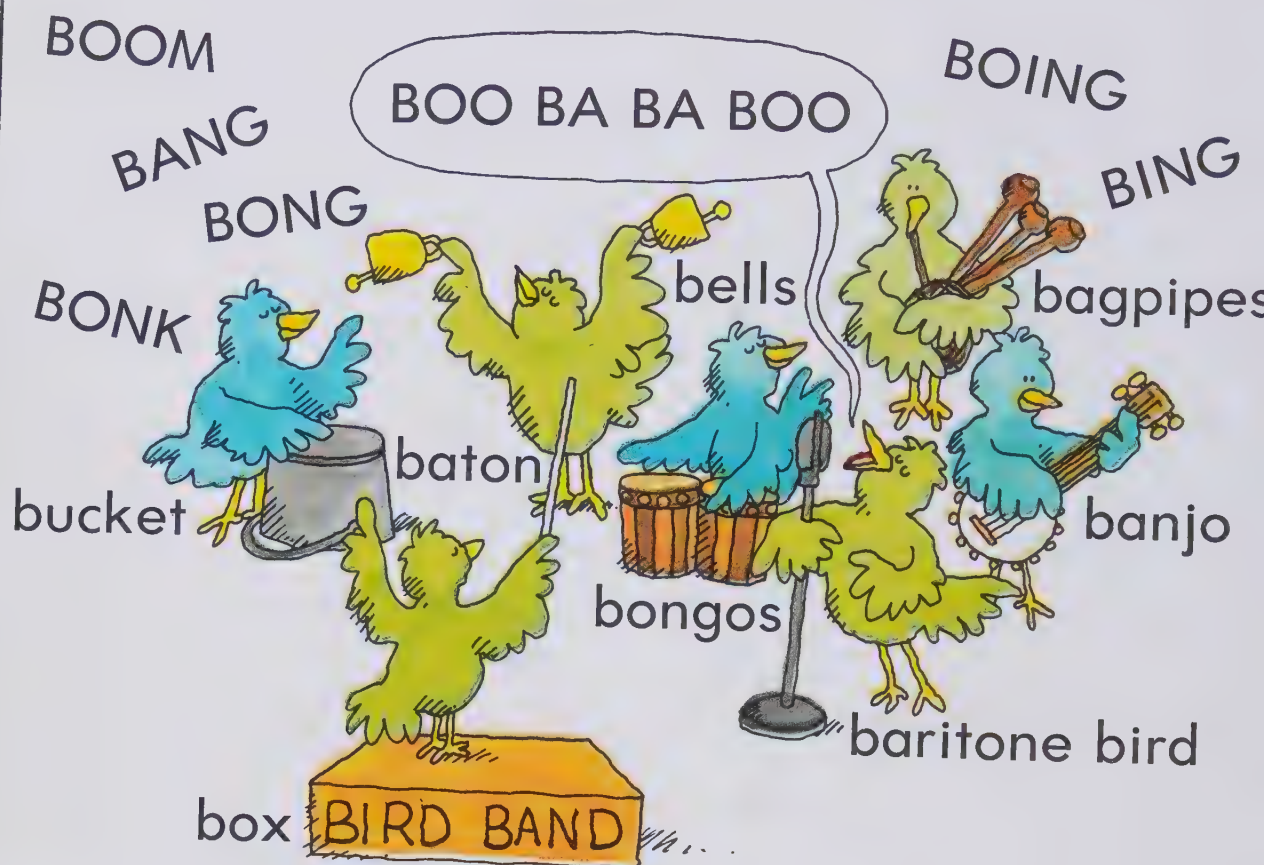
Consonants give shape to a word
but vowels hold the consonants together.

Consonants can be anywhere in a word.

When a consonant is at the beginning of a word,
it is called a beginning consonant.

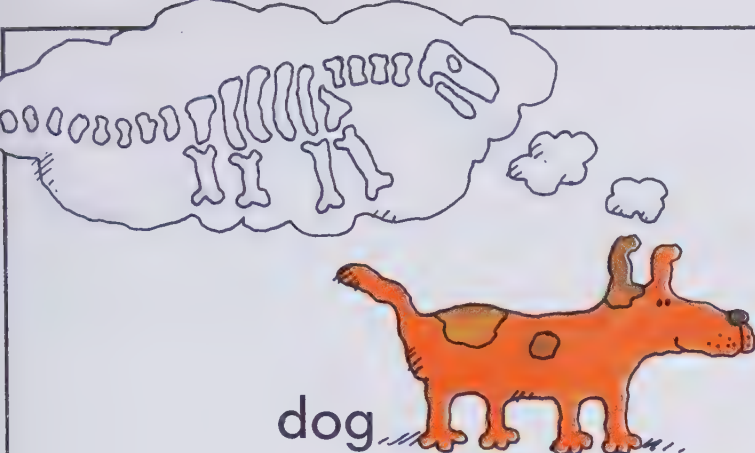
Each beginning consonant in this section
stands for one sound.

b



Bird bands aren't bad, but books are better.

d



dog



door



dirt

dog digging down



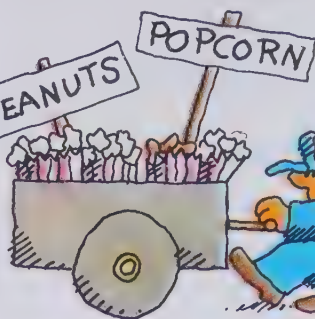
dog digging deeper and deeper

Done digging?

Definitely.



p



purple pansies

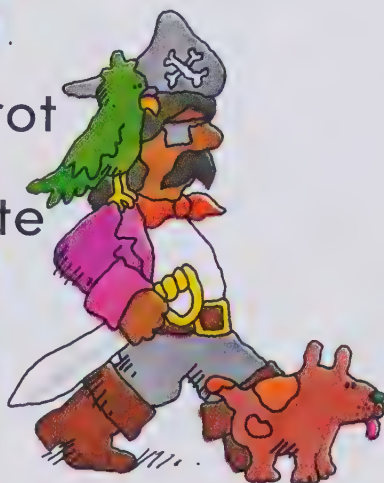
poodle

parrot

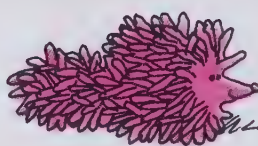
pirate



pelican



puppy



pink porcupine



PEEP PEEP



peacock



people



potatoes



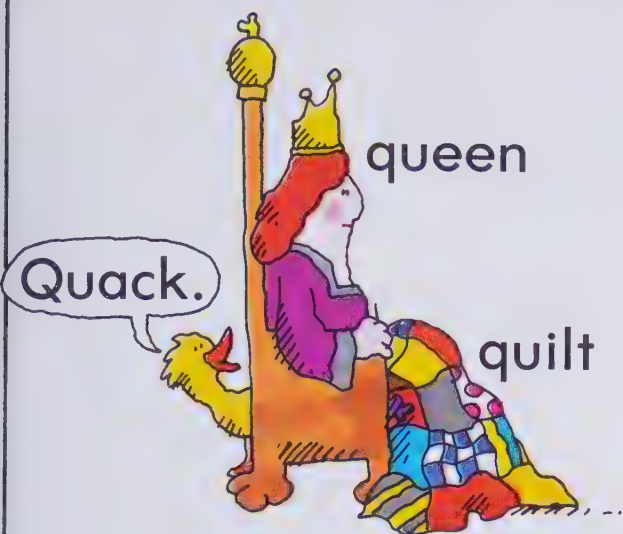
pony pulling porpoise



panda

Paraders are peculiar,
particularly parading potatoes.

q



Queen
questions
quack.



QuackQuackQuack

quick quacks

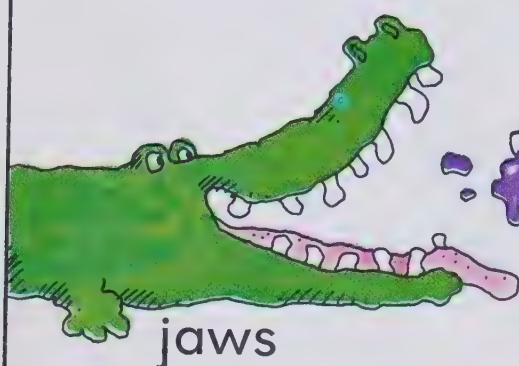


Quackers never quit.

j



juggler juggling jam jars

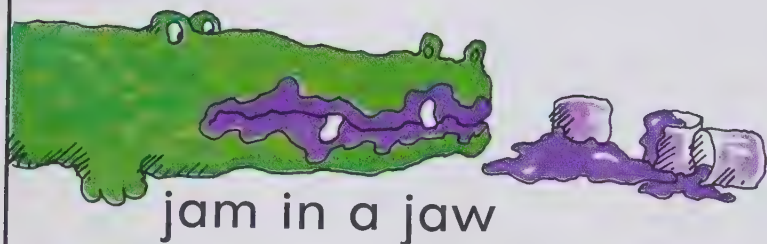


jaws

Jaws!



juggler in a jam



jam in a jaw



jaws in a jam

YAKETY-YAK!

A yard of yellow yarn for your yakety yak?

Yes.

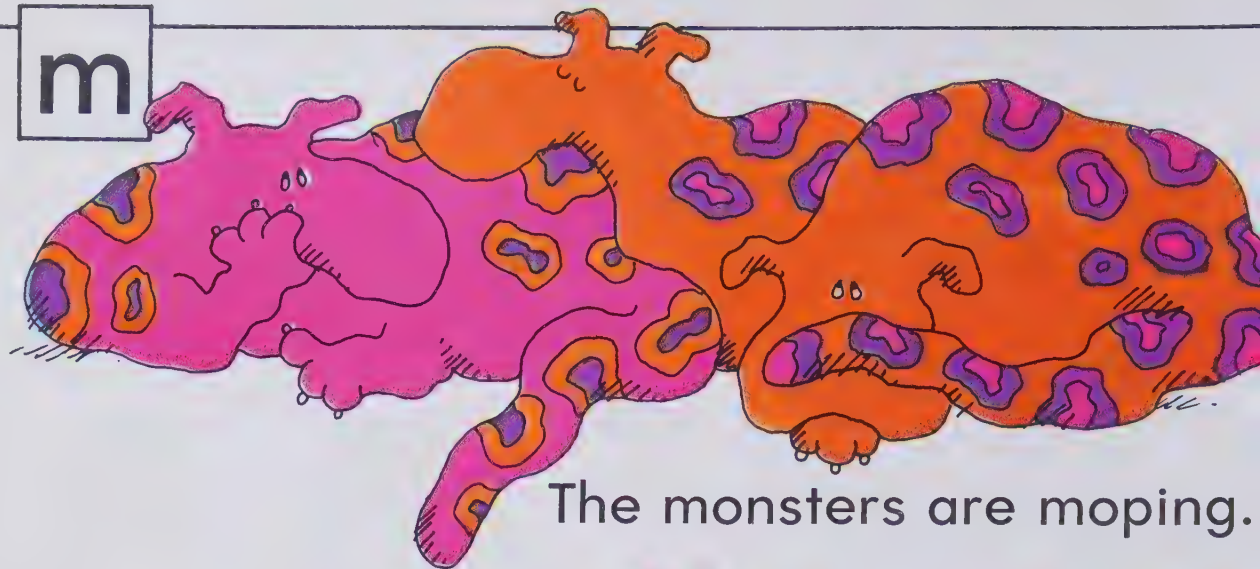


a yakety yak

YAKETY-YAKETY!



m



The monsters are moping.



The monsters meet mirror men.

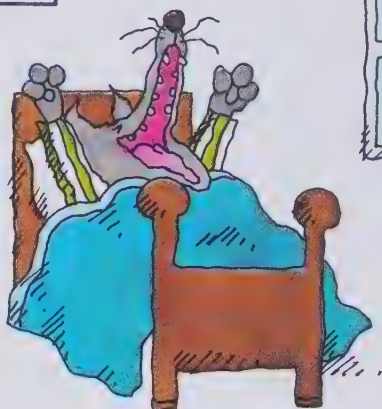


The mirror men make monsters merry.

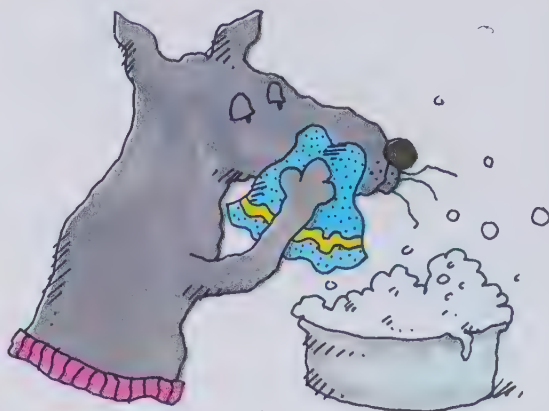


A new neighbor is nice,
but no noise nearby is nicer.

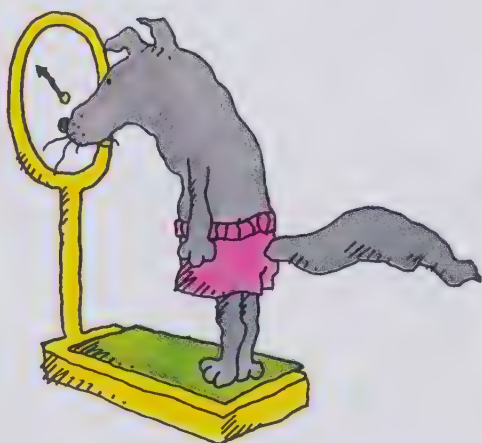
W



wolf waking



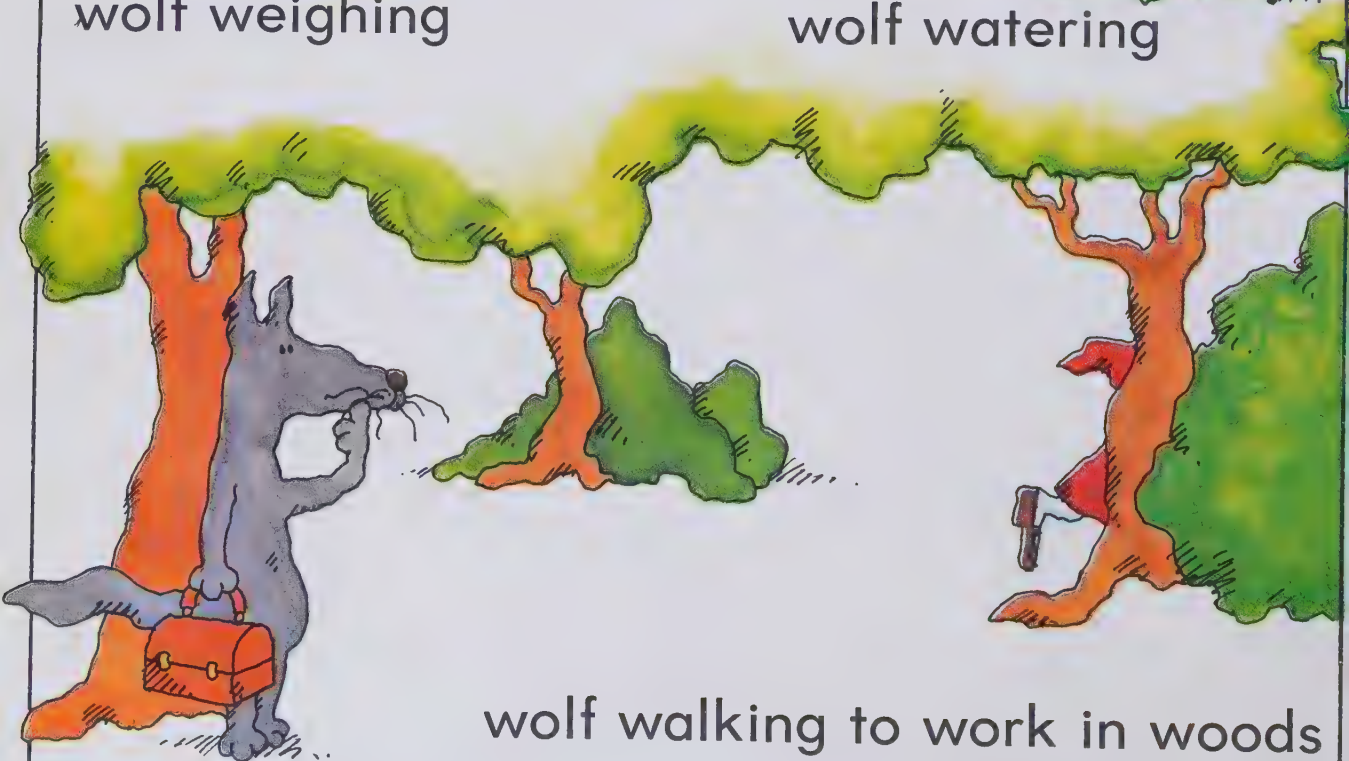
wolf washing



wolf weighing



wolf watering



wolf walking to work in woods

V



Visitors vex vultures.

r

The rabbits
in red raincoats
in a row
on a raft
in a race
on the river
in the rain
~~They~~ ran
into a rock.



Rocks are rough on racing rabbits.

h



hippopotamus with hat



Hello. Hello. Hello.

a hatching in hippo's hat

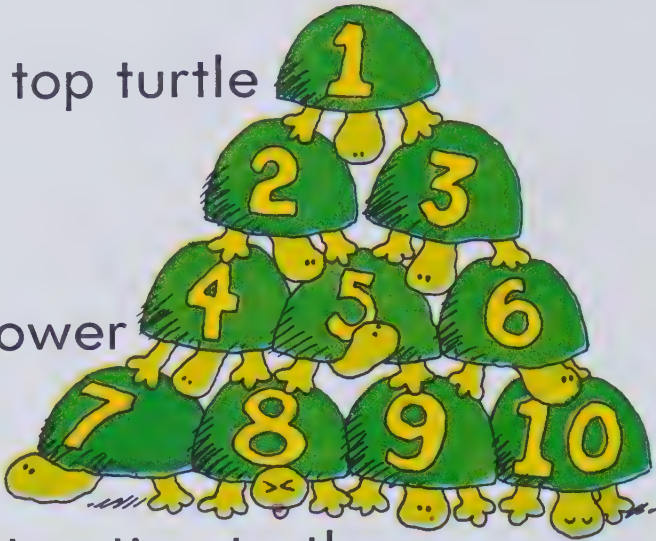


at home on hippo's head



A hippo-home has its hazards.

top turtle



turtle tower

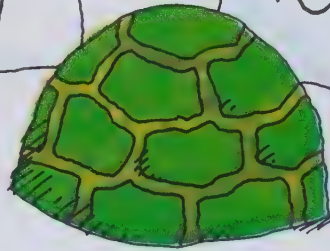
ten tiny turtles

Terrific!

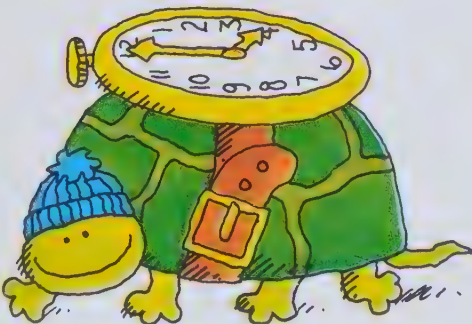


TOO TIRED
TODAY

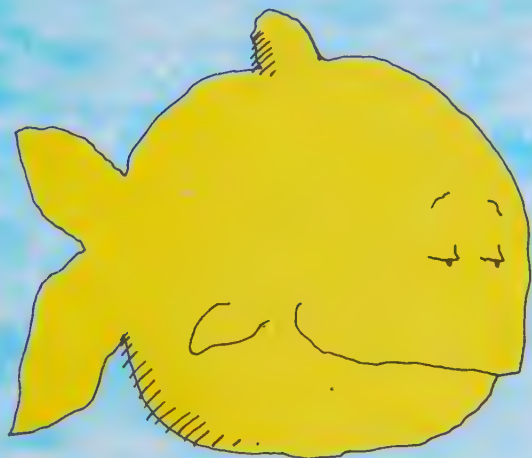
TOO TIRED
TOMORROW
TOO



turtle tucked in tight



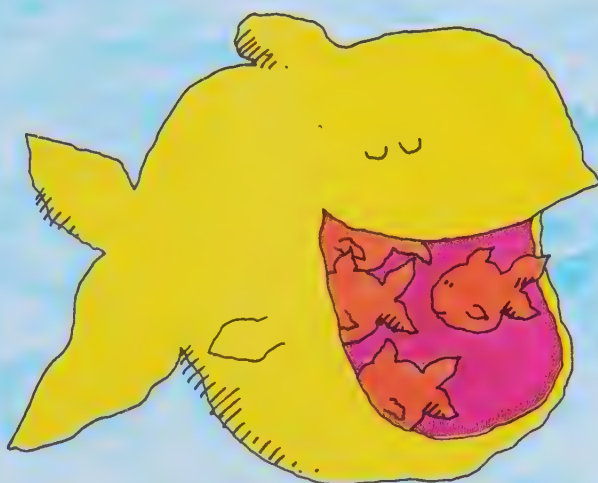
turtle taking his time



fat fish



five fish



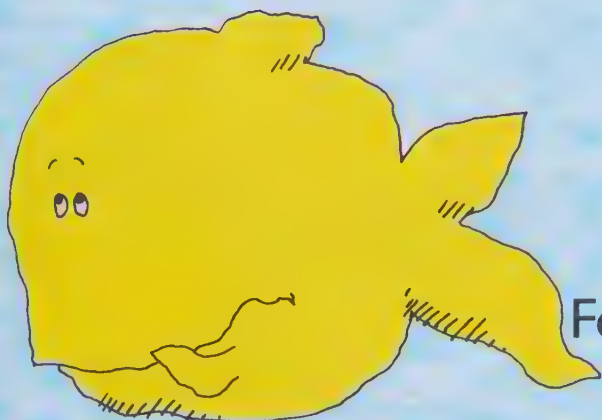
four foolish fish



fast fish



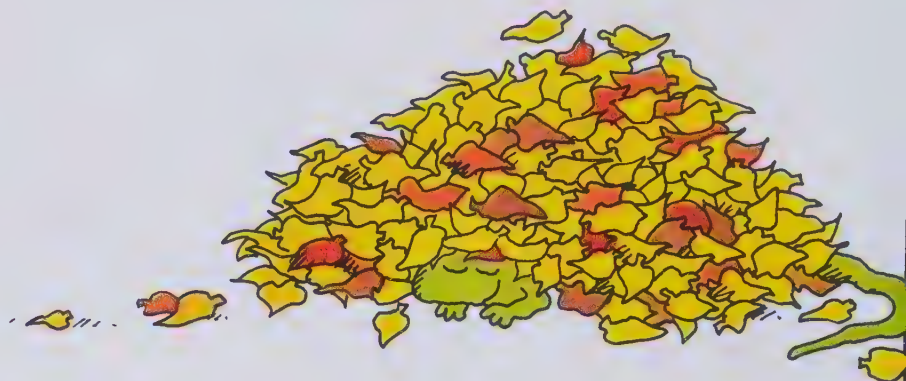
Fast fish feels fine.



Fat fish feels full.

I

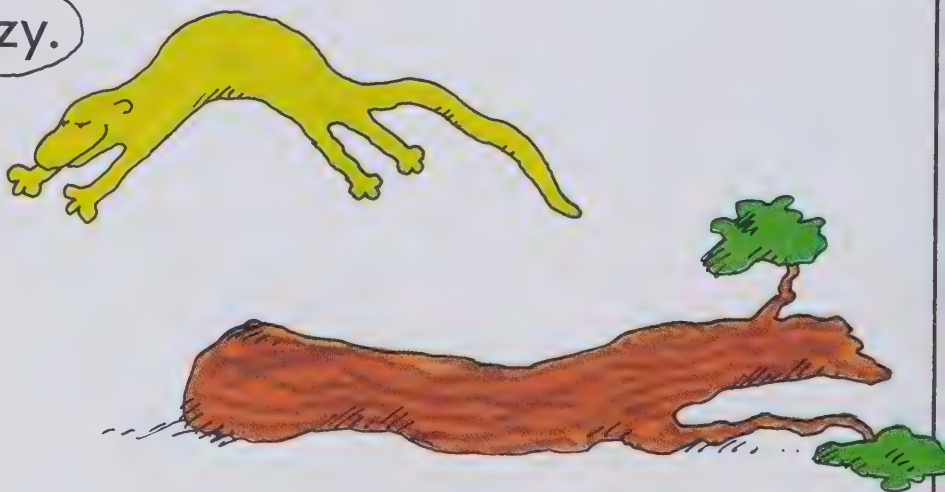
A lizard likes to lurk under the leaves.



A lizard likes to lie low on a log.



Lizards are lazy.



Leaping Lizards! A leaping lizard!

Your Kindness called?

My kite.



Keeper of the Kites



a kite-kissing king

S

sundae

sandwich

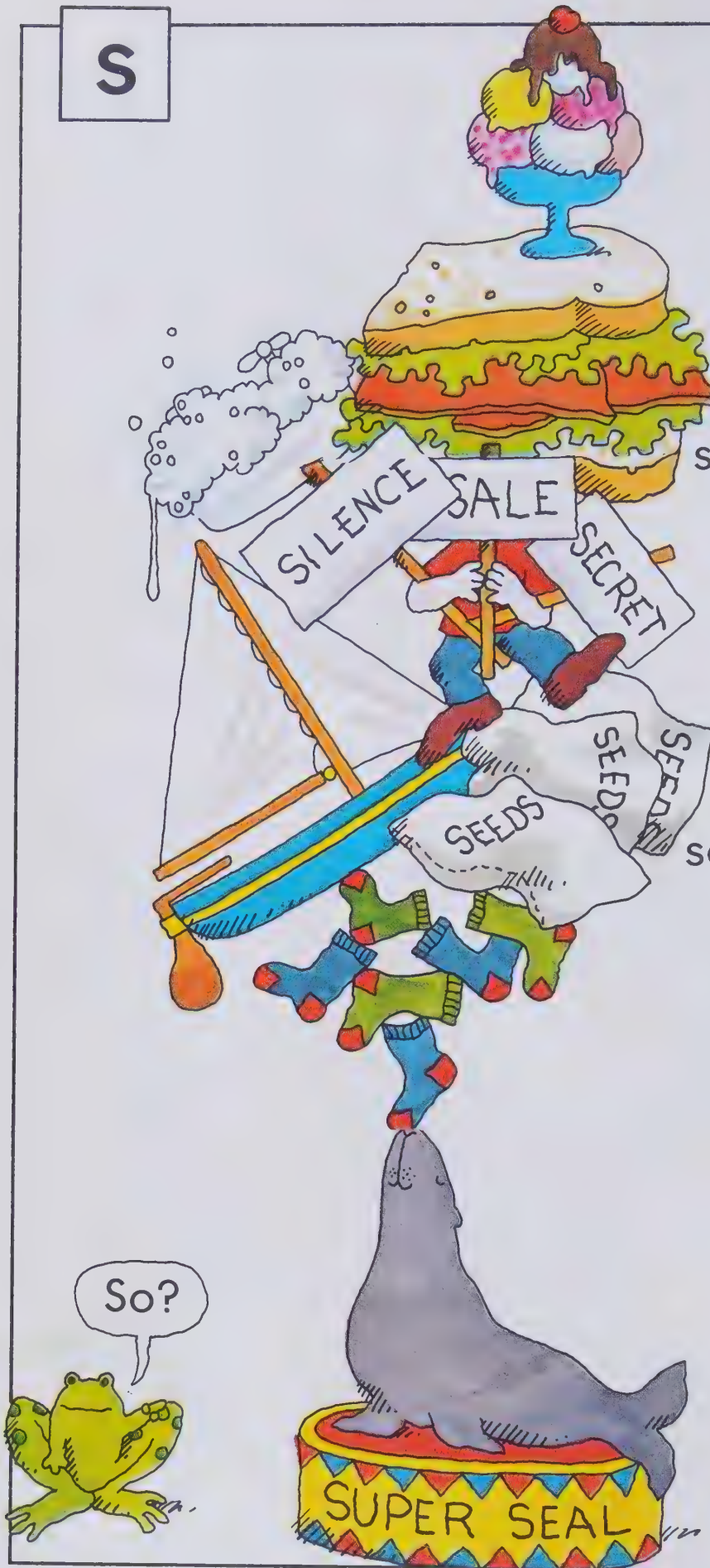
sink of soapsuds

sign seller

sailboat

some seed sacks

six socks



Z



X



bird	jam	people	six
book	jars	pink	so
box	king	pony	some
but	kissing	potatoes	ten
dirt	kite	pulling	time
dog	leaves	puppy	tiny
done	lie	purple	top
door	likes	queen	turtle
down	lizard	questions	visitors
fast	low	quick	walking
fat	make	quiet	washing
feels	meet	rabbits	wolf
fine	men	race	work
fish	needs	rain	xylophone
five	new	ran	yard
four	nice	red	yellow
full	night	river	yes
hat	no	rock	your
head	noise	row	zebras
hello	noon	seed	zero
home	not	sign	zoo



Beginning Consonants: Two Different Sounds

Each beginning consonant in this section stands for two different sounds.

Usually **c** stands for the same sound that **k** stands for.

Sometimes **c** stands for the same sound that **s** stands for.

Usually **g** stands for a sound no other letter stands for.

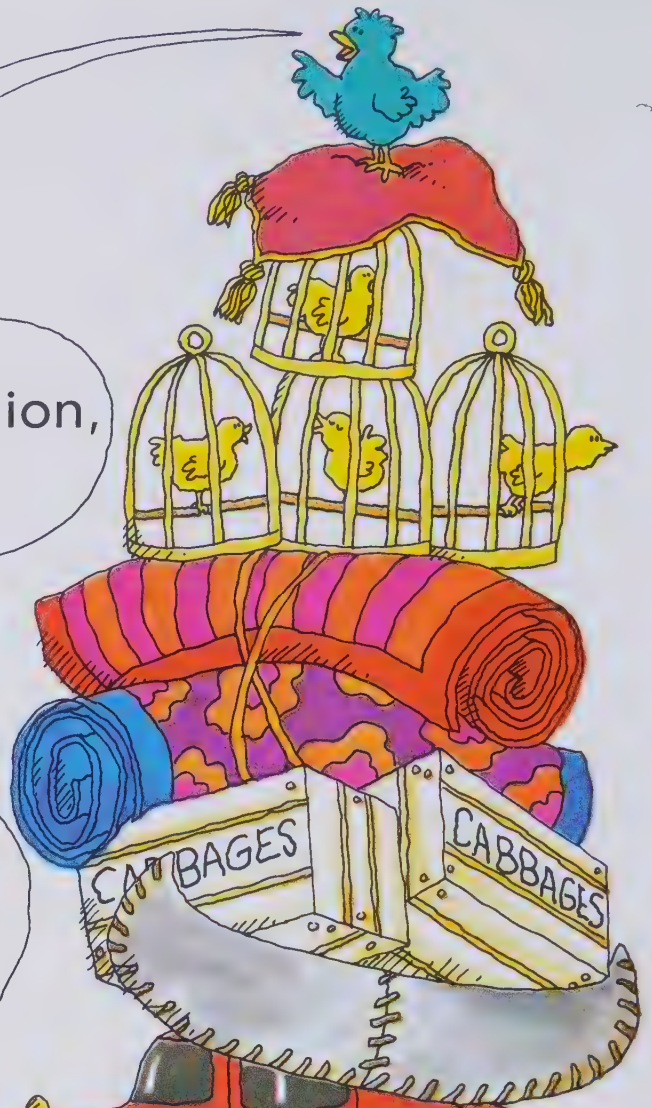
Sometimes **g** stands for the same sound that **j** stands for.

One reason we have two pictures for one sound is that people are used to spelling words in certain ways.

C

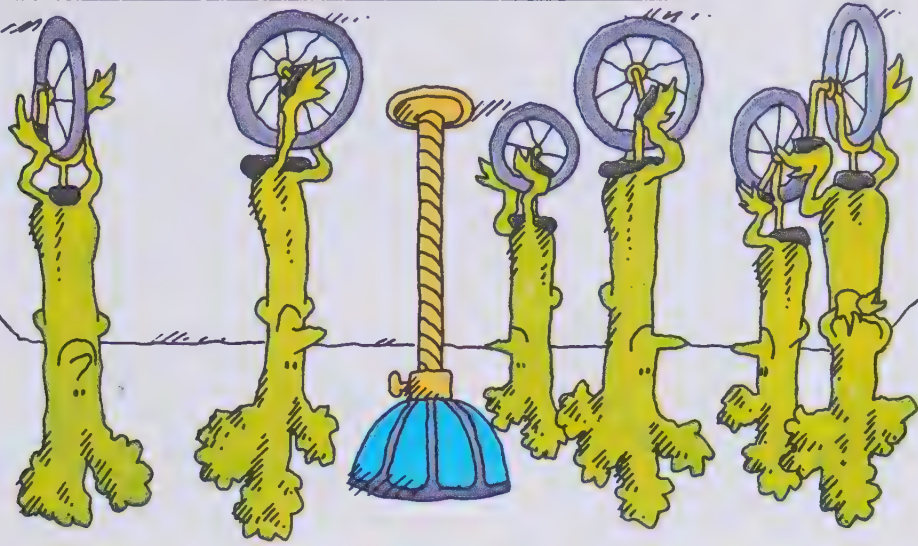
Can a camel
carrying
a cuckoo on a cushion,
canaries in cages,

carpets,
cases of cabbages,
a canoe,
and a car
be comfortable?



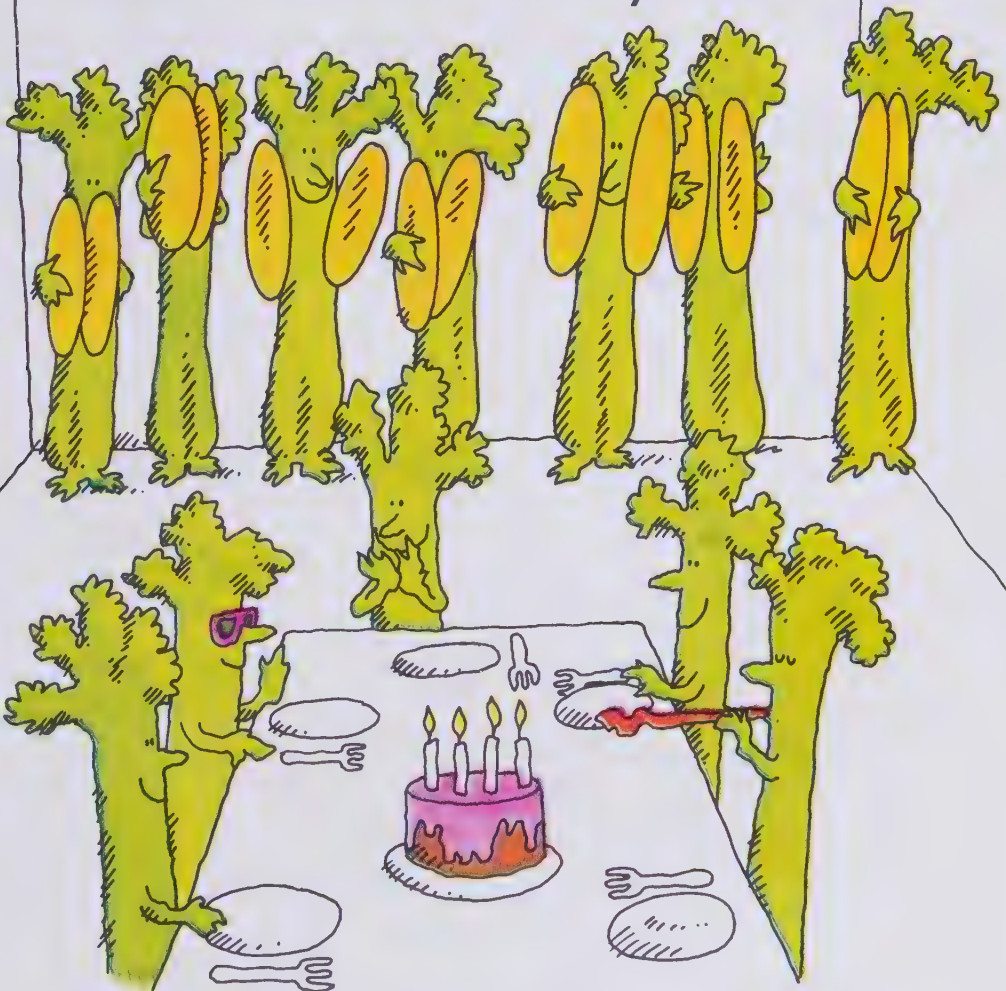
Could he be kidding?





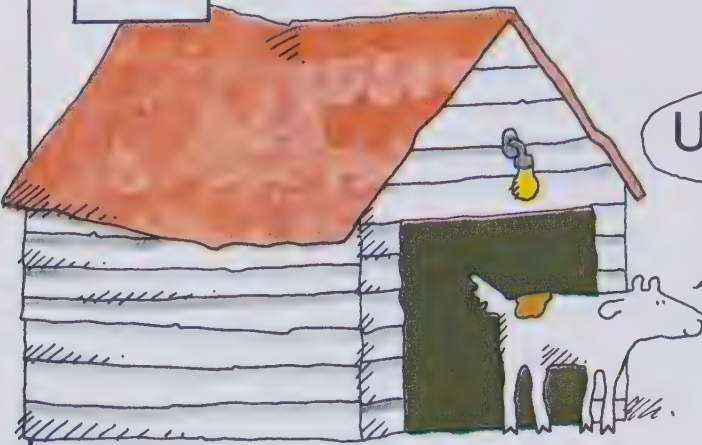
six celeries cycling in a circle on the ceiling

seven celeries with cymbals



celery celebrities celebrating

g



garage

goat

Ummmm, garbage.



Good.



GASP

The garbage is gone.



goat gang



The early goat gets the garbage.



a genuine gypsy giraffe

cabbages

cages

camel

can

canaries

canoe

car

carrying

cases

ceiling

celery

circle

could

cuckoo

cushion

cycling

cymbals

gang

garage

garbage

gasp

genuine

gets

giraffe

goat

gone

good

gypsy



Beginning Consonants: Blended Sounds

Some words begin with two consonants.

Some words even begin with three.

Two or three consonants at the beginning of a word are usually blended.

In a blend, each consonant stands for its own sound, and the sounds are blended together.

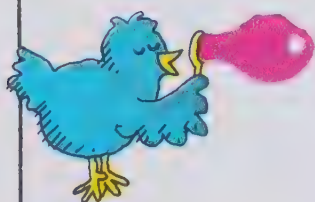
The word **blend** begins with a blend.

The consonants **b** and **l**
come before the vowel **e**.

When you say the word **blend**
you can hear a **b** sound and an **l** sound,
before you hear the **end** of the word.

bl

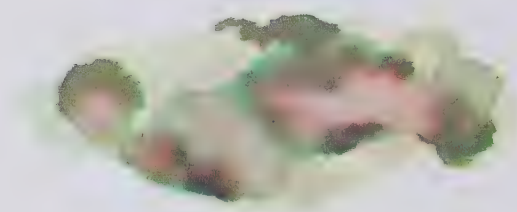
blurry blob



bluebird blowing blobs



blobs blending



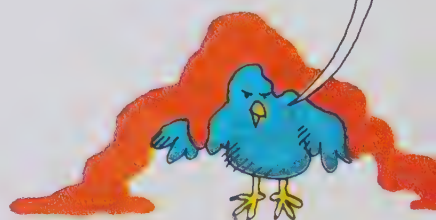
blotched blob



black blob

Blockhead!

Blob-blowers can blunder.



br

Ummmm, brownies for breakfast!

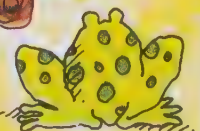
Bravo!

bringing
brand-new brooms

Brilliant!

rooding over
roken
roomstick

brownie brew

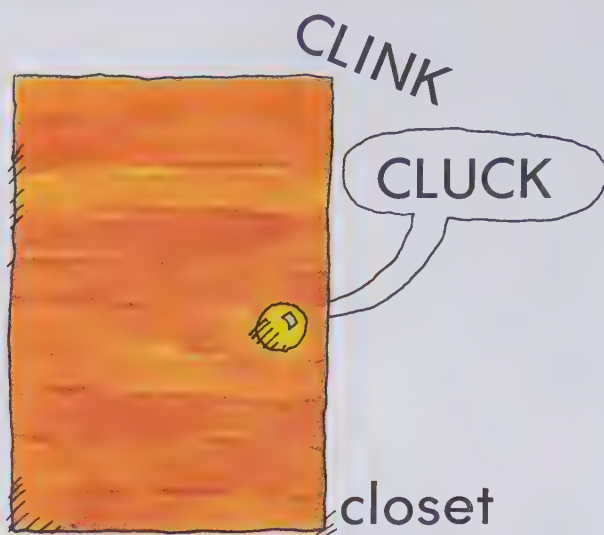


Brewing briskly breaks broomsticks.

cl



cleaning up clutter



clumsy clucker climbing on clocks

CRUNCH
CRUNCH
CRUNCH

cracker crumbs



CROAK



Croak?



CROAK

CRASH

CRACKER
CRATE

croaker with craving for crisp crackers

fl



flamingo



flamingo flapping



flamingo flying



flamingo doing flips in flight



flamingo doing a flat flop in the flowers

fr



frowning frog



fresh fruit from frog

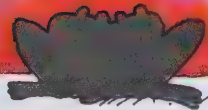


frolicking to



frolicking fro

frolicking to and fro



frog friends

gl

I'm glamorous!



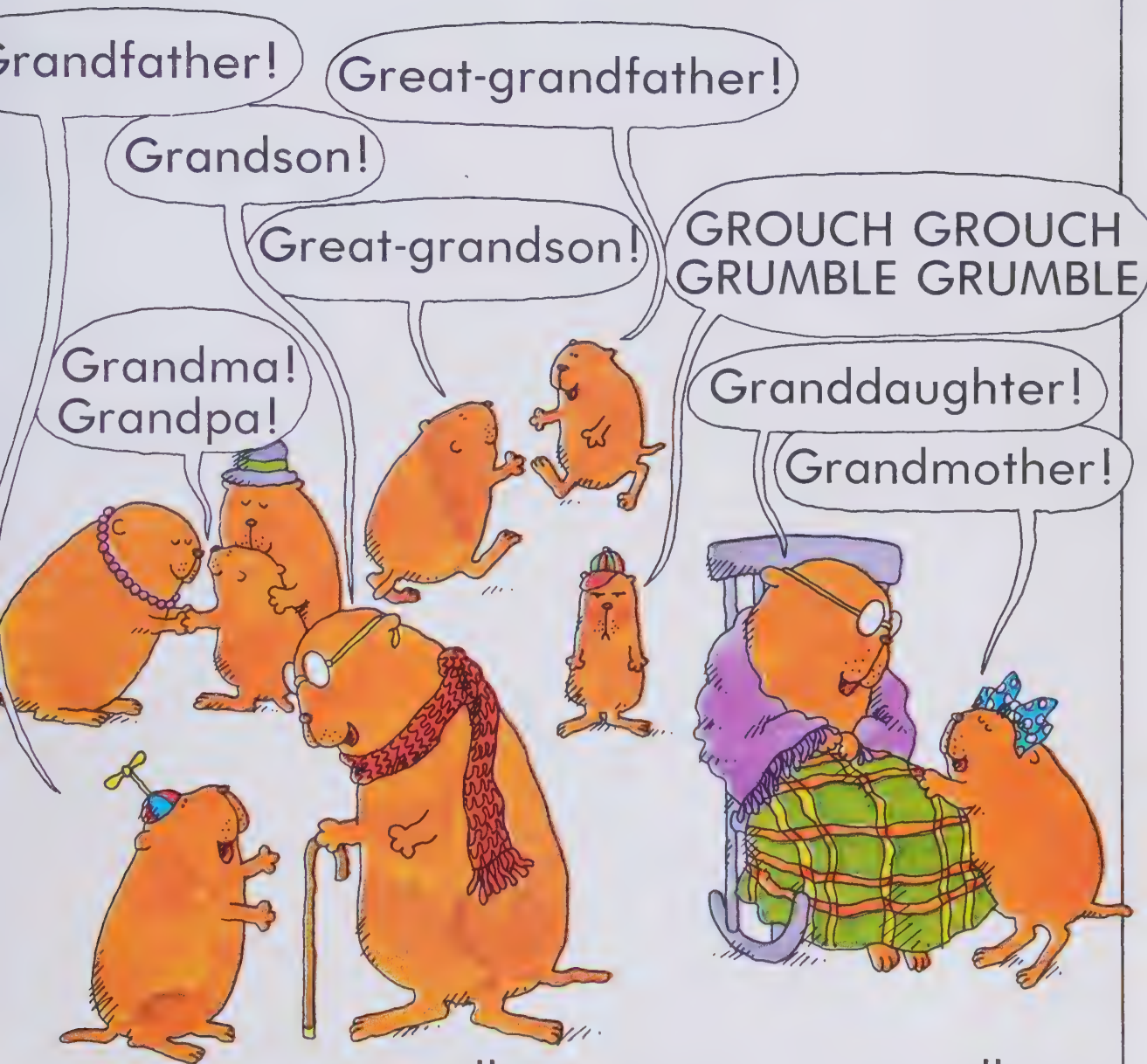
glump

I'm glorious!



I'm glad I'm a glump!





groundhogs greeting groundhogs

pl

plain plants

plunging
plants

plump plants

plopping plants

plums

plaid
plants



Playing pleasantly pleases plants.

pr

pretzels



pretty



prettier



prettiest

Prune?



prune

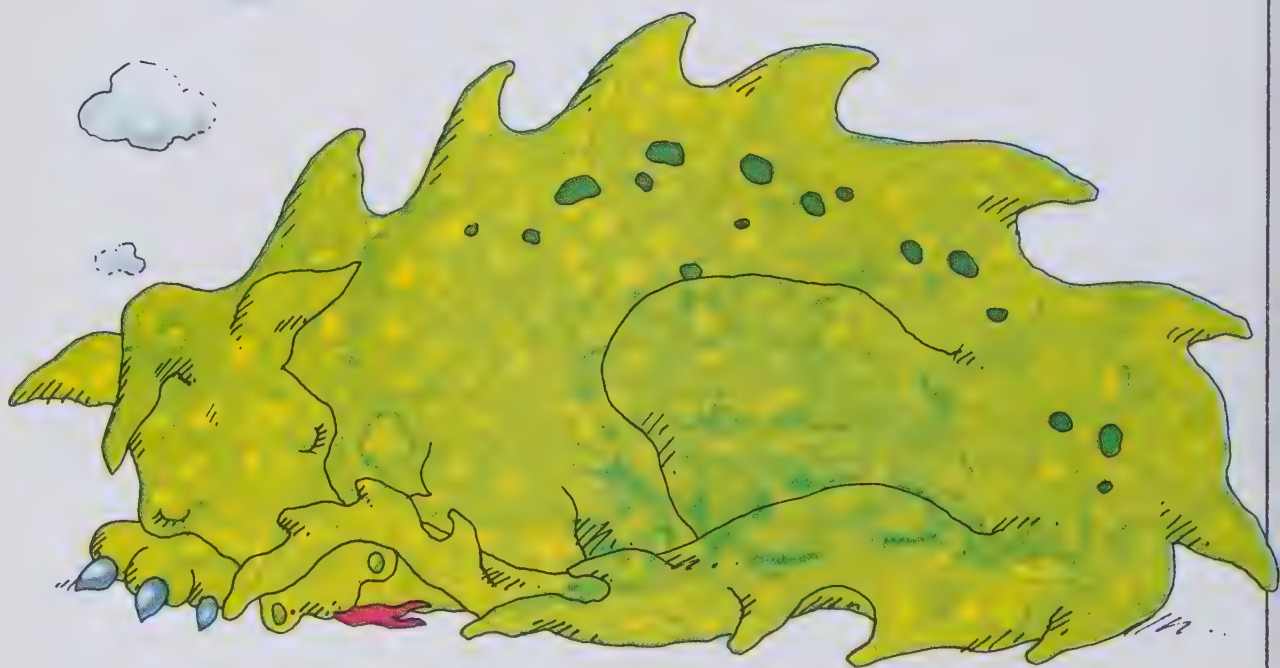
prince

The prince presents
the prize pretzel
to the princess.



The princess probably prefers the prune.

dr



The dreaded dragon dreams.

tr

trailer

traffic

tracks

train

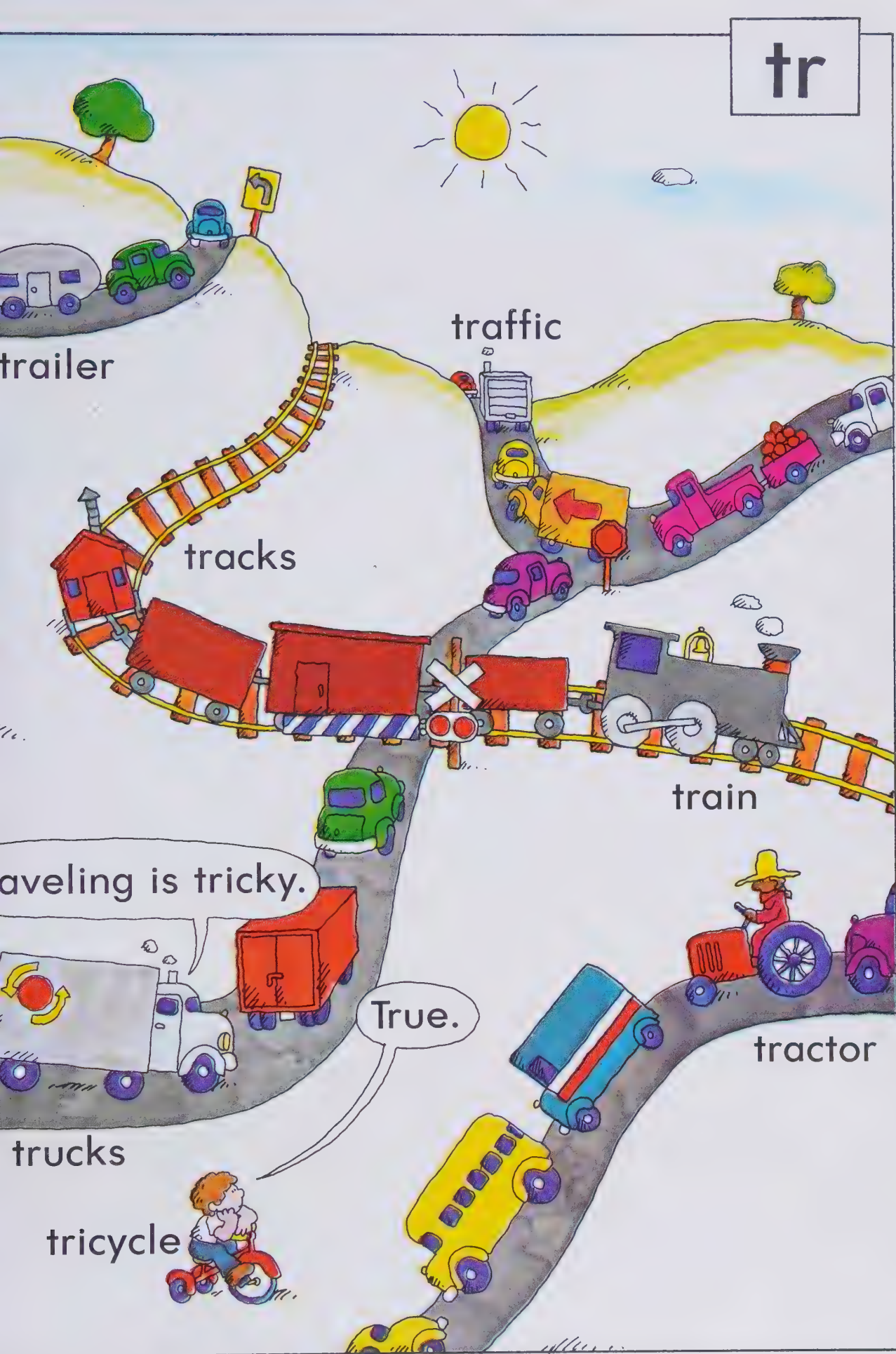
aveling is tricky.

True.

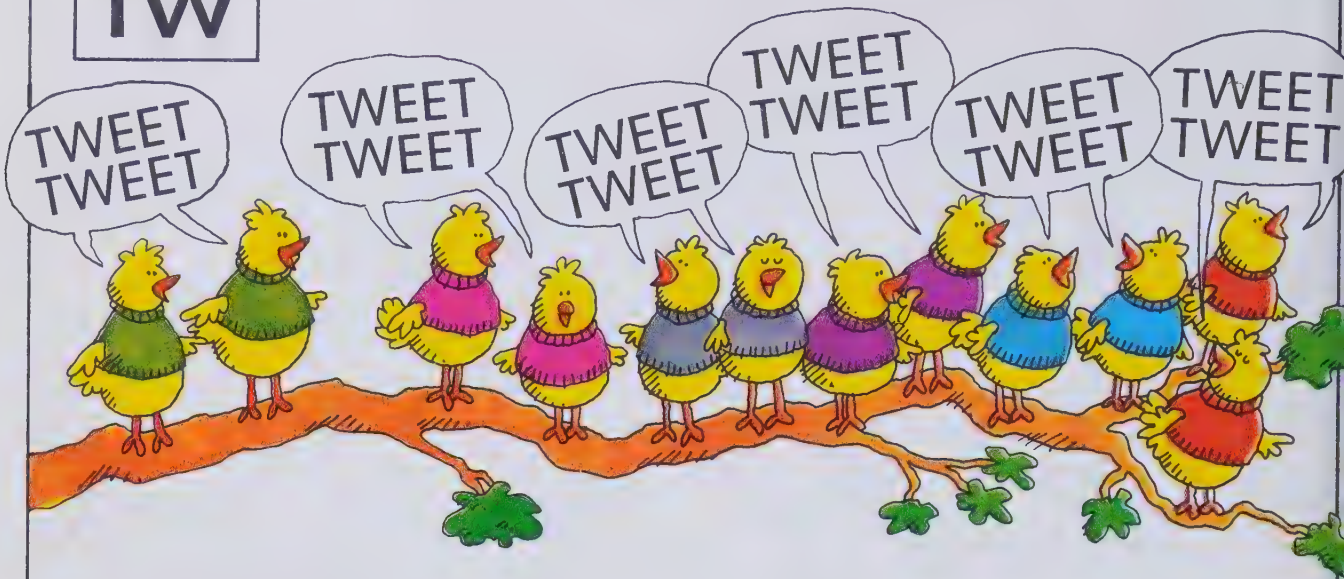
trucks

tricycle

tractor



tw



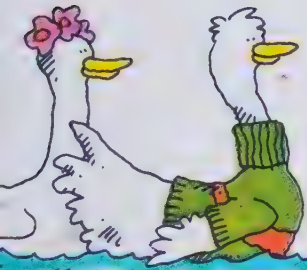
twelve twins tweeting on twig



twelve twins twirling on twig



twelve twins all a-twitter



swans swimming



swan in a swift swoop

SWOON



swan's sweetheart in a swoon



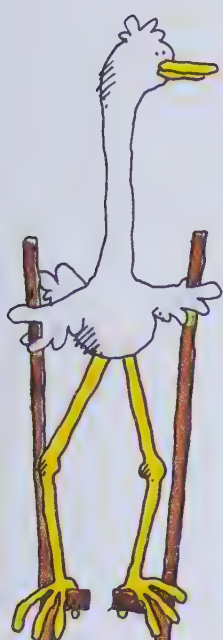
swan in a swirl

sl

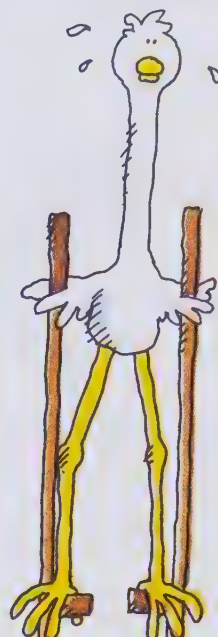
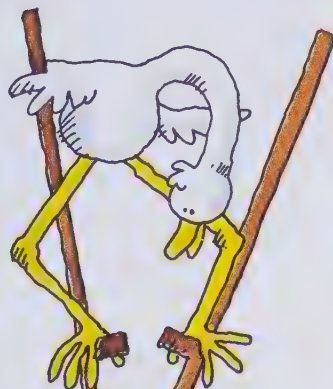


A stork stands on stilts.

st

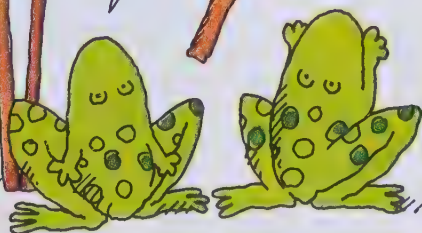


Stork starts to stumble.



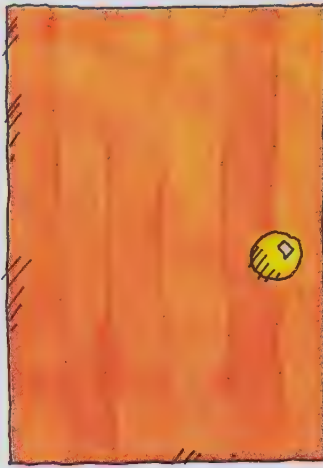
tupendous!

Steady!



A steady stork stays standing.

sn



SNORE



sneakers



Snore?



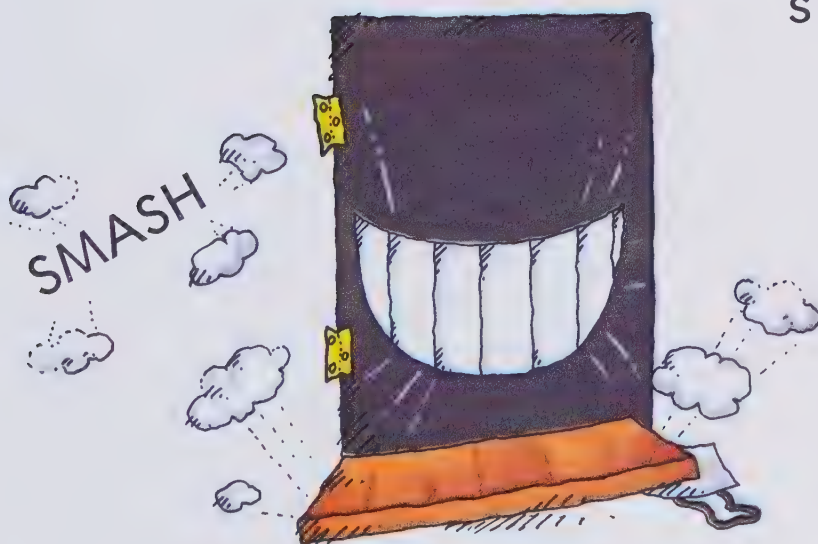
SNORE

snakes snug in sneakers snatching snoozes

sm

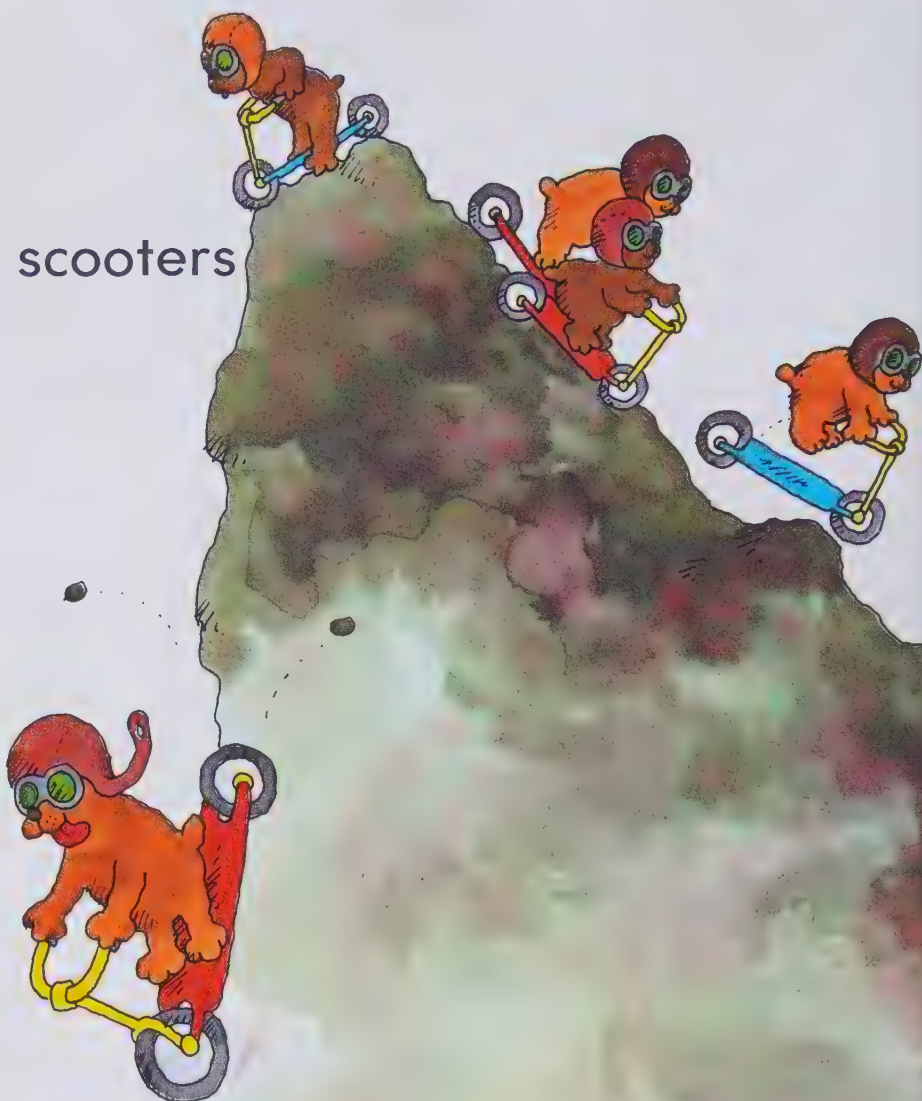


a small,
smooth smile



a smashing smile

scary scooters



The Scariest Scooter Ever

sk



skating skunk



skiing skunk



skipping skunk



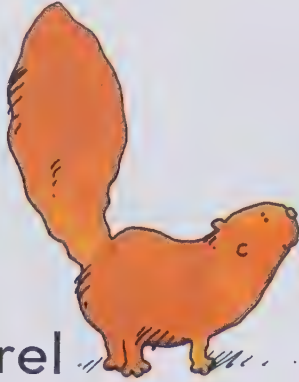
sketching skunk



skin diving skunk

A skunk is skillful.

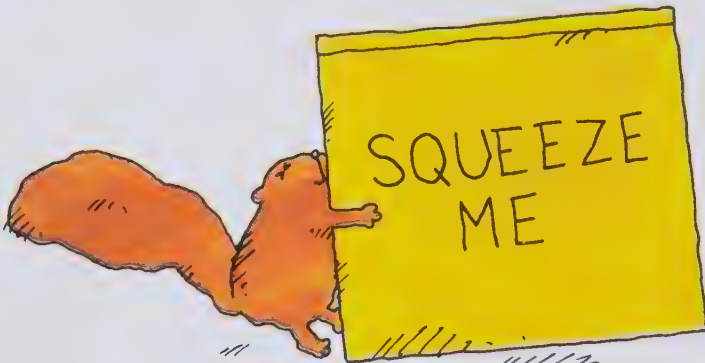
sq



squirrel



square



squirrel squeezing square



The squeaky square gets the squirrel.

sp

a space spanned by spaghetti

spider

The spider speaks.

Spaghetti-spinning is my specialty.

spl



SPLISH

SPLASH

SPLOSH

Splits make a splendid splash.

spr



sprout



sprinkling sprout



sprout springs up

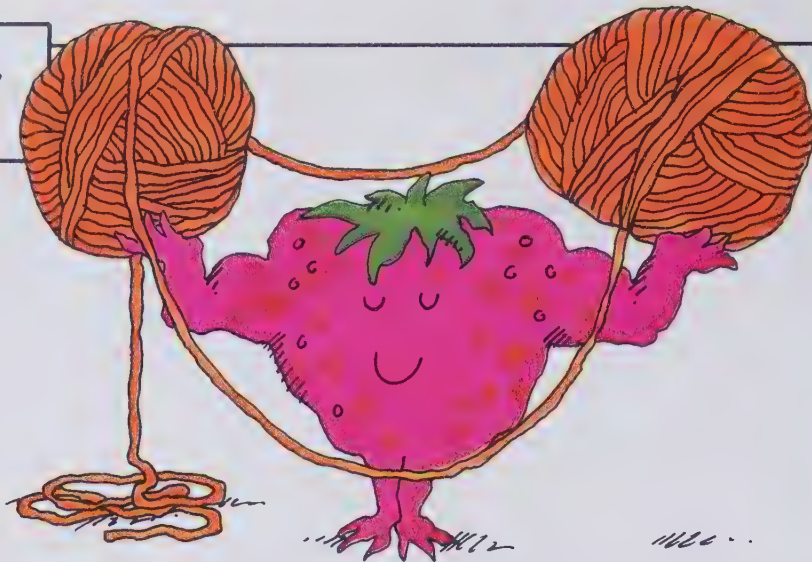


sprout spreads out

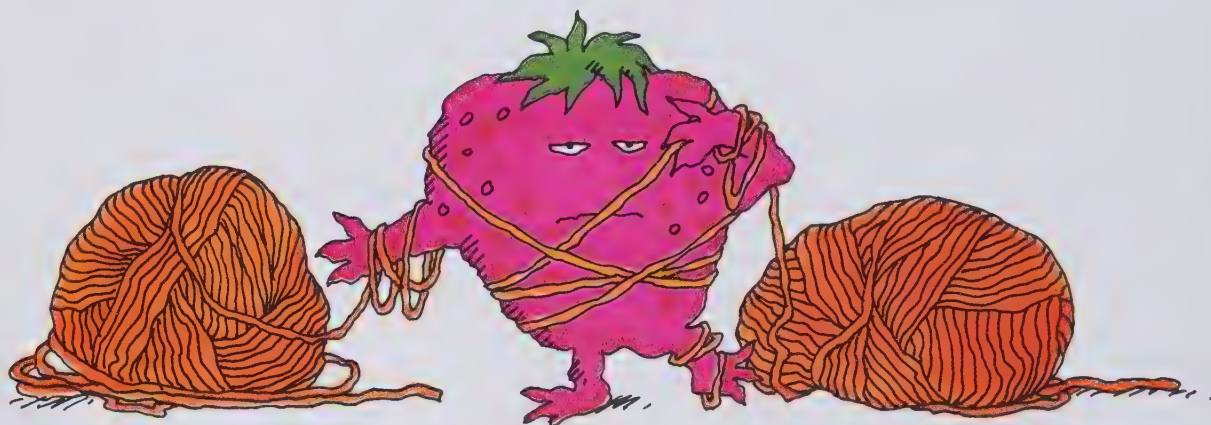


sprout

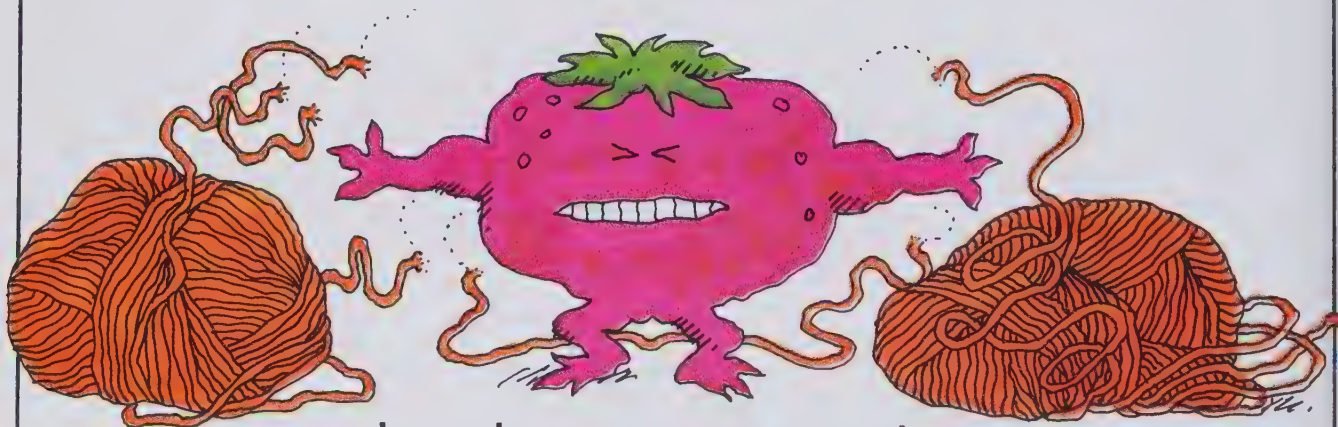
str



strong strawberry



strong strawberry struggling with string



strikingly strong strawberry

Strength in strawberries is strange.

scr

SCREECH

SCREECH

scrawny screechers

scraps

a scramble over scraps

screechers with scrapes and scratches

black	flying	scratches	square
blob	fresh	screech	squeak
blowing	friends	skating	squeeze
breakfast	frog	skunk	squirrel
breaks	from	slippery	stands
bringing	fruit	sloppy	starts
broken	glad	small	stays
brownies	glamorous	smart	strange
cleaning	grandma	smash	string
climbing	grandpa	smile	strong
clocks	grouch	smooth	swan
closet	grumble	snakes	swimming
crash	plants	snore	tracks
crumbs	playing	space	tractor
crunch	pleases	spaghetti	train
dragon	pretty	speaks	tricycle
dreams	prince	spider	trucks
flat	princess	splash	true
flips	prize	splits	tweet
flop	scary	spreads	twelve
flowers	scrapes	springs	twins



Beginning Consonants: Special Sounds

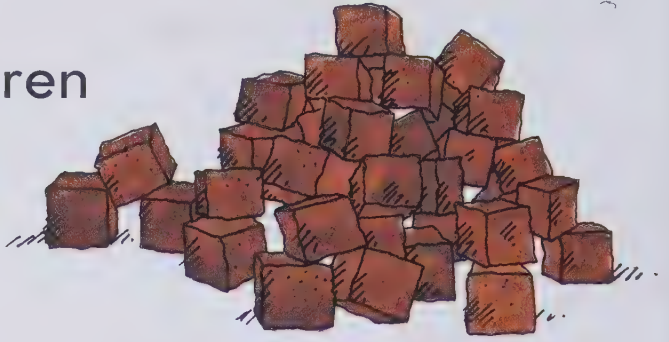
When pictures for sounds were invented,
there were more sounds than pictures.
There still are.

A few consonant sounds
do not have a letter of their own.
To show these special sounds,
we use two letters together for one sound.
The two letters together
stop standing for their own sounds.
There is no **c** sound or **h** sound
in the word **cheese**.
The **ch** stands for a special sound.
Sometimes special sounds
are blended with **r**.

ch



children



chocolate chunks

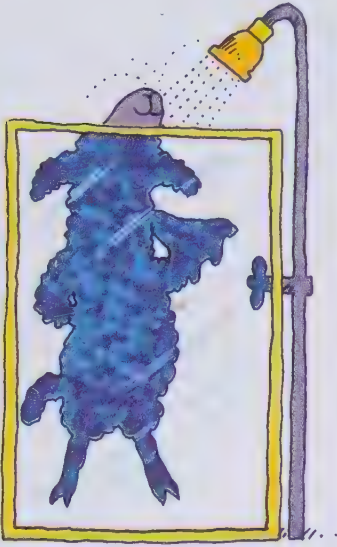


children chewing chocolate chunks

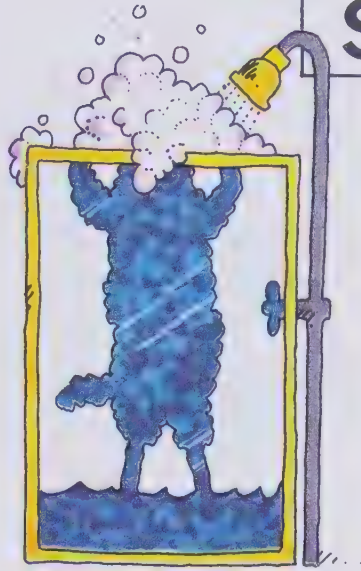


champion
chocolate chunk chewer

sh



sheep showering



sheep shampooing

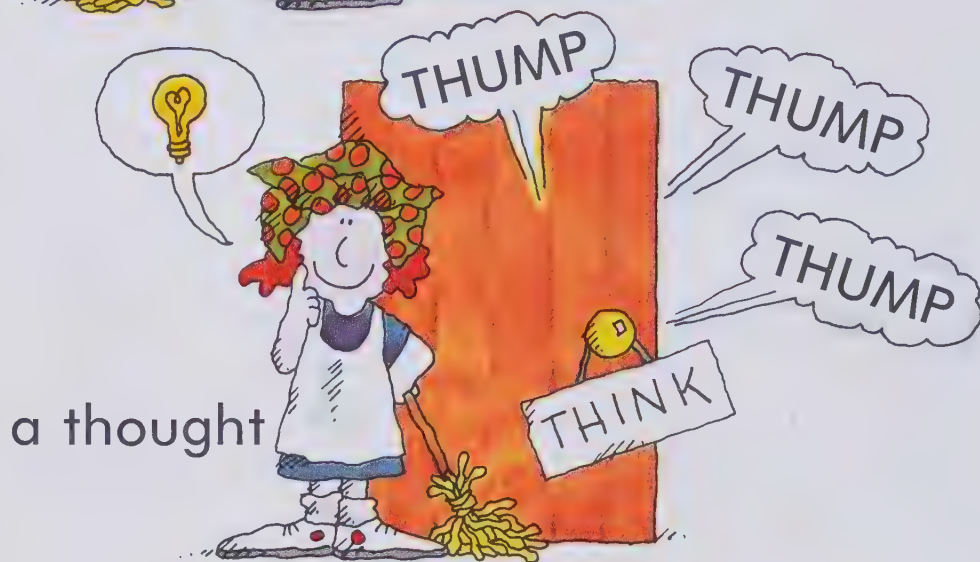
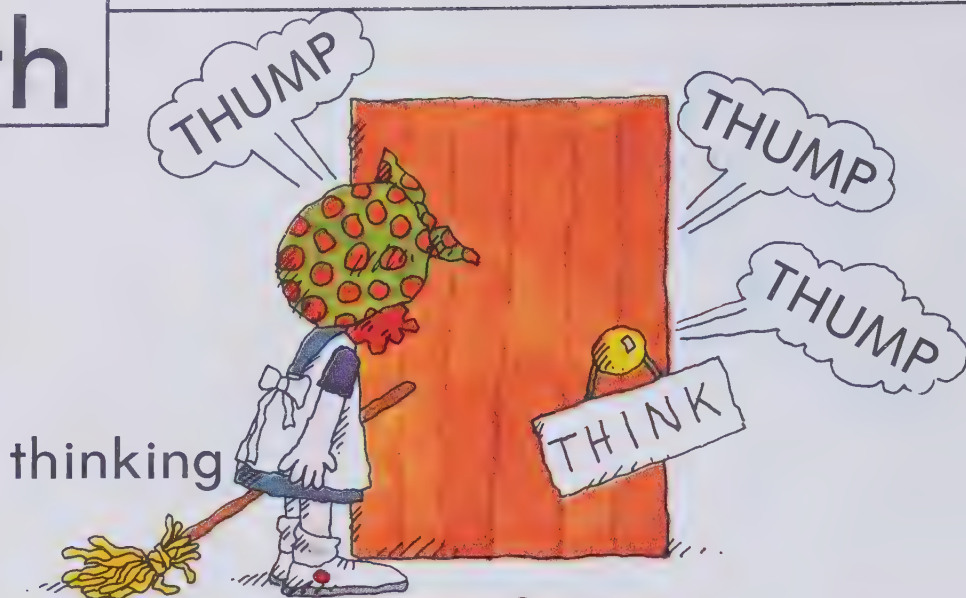


sheep shining shoes



Show me a showered and shampooed sheep
with shiny shoes,
and I'll show you a sheep in sharp shape.

th



here he is.

That's him.



ese are theirs.



Those are theirs.

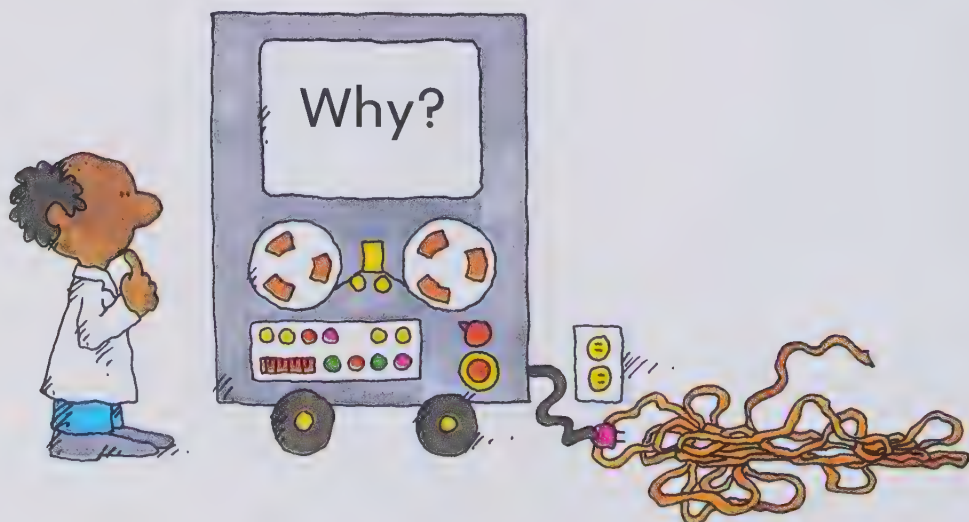


This isn't theirs!



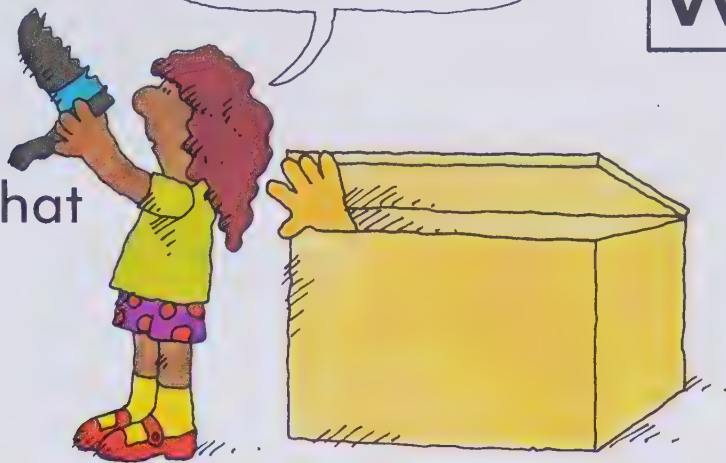
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whiz on wheels



Whose is it?

half a hat



Whose is it?

half a hat

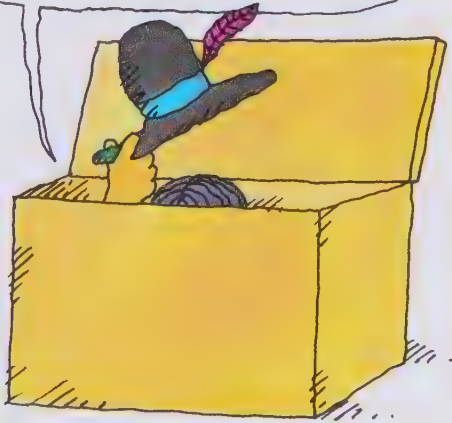


Who is it?

Howie.

Howie who?

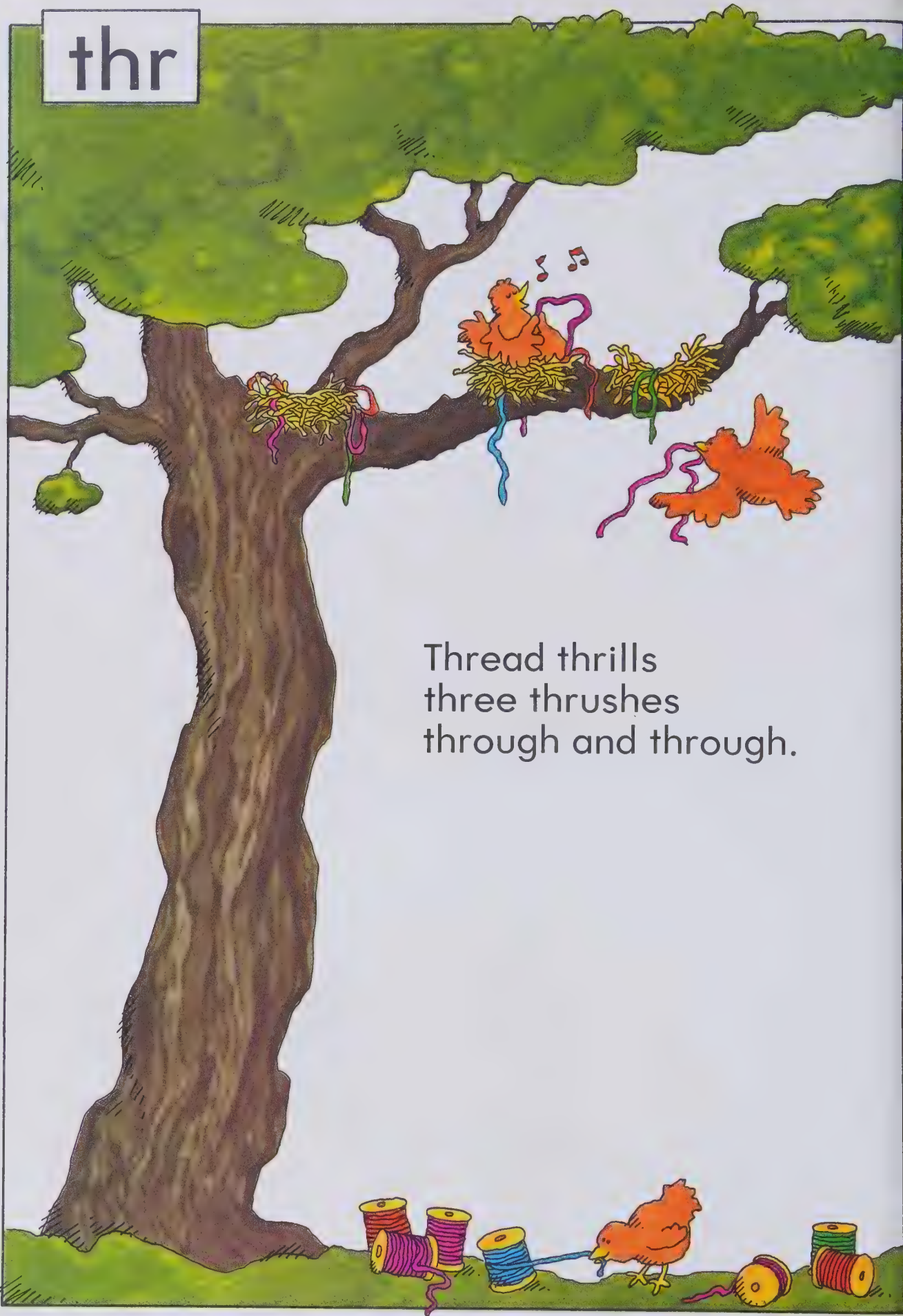
Fine, thank you.



a whole hat

thr

Thread thrills
three thrushes
through and through.



SHRINK SHRUB!

shr

shrill
shrieks

SHRIVEL
SHRUB!

shrub



The shrub shrinker shrugs.



The shrub shrinker shrinks.

champion

chewing

children

chocolate

chunk

shampooing

shape

sharp

sheep

shiny

shoes

show

showering

shrieks

shrill

shrink

shrivel

shrub

shrugs

thanks

that's

theirs

there

these

thief

things

think

this

those

thought

thread

three

thrills

through

thrushes

thump

whack

what

wheels

wheeze

when

where

whistle

whiz

who

whole

whose

why



Beginning Consonants: Odd Spellings For One Sound

There is no **k** sound
in the word **knew**.

Take away the consonant **k**
and the word isn't the same.

Now it's **new**.

Spelling usually follows the code,
but sometimes it's odd.

In the odd spelling **kn**,
only the **n** sound is heard.

In the odd spelling **ph**,
an **f** sound is heard.

Odd spellings may look strange,
but they are used for the same sounds over and over
in many different words.

kn



nine knights



nine knapsacks



nine knobs



nine knocks



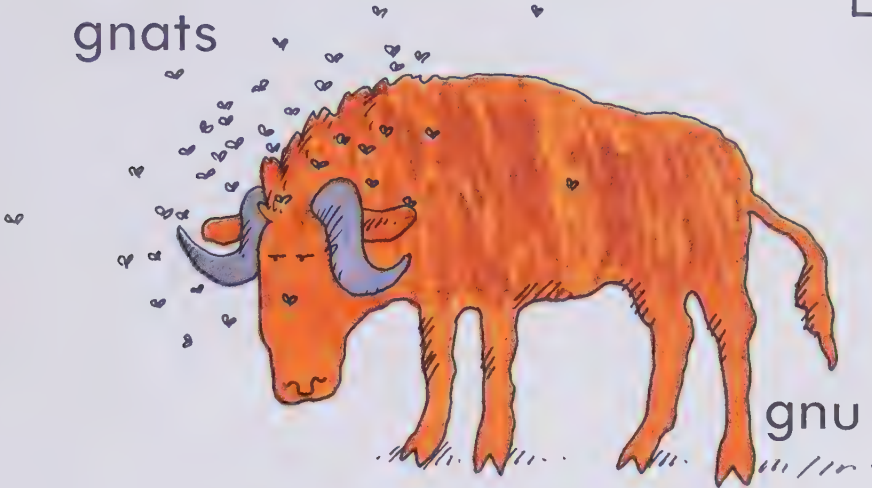
Why do knights knock?



Nobody knows.

gn

gnats



gnu

gnats on gnu



Gnu nets gnats.

not nice for gnats



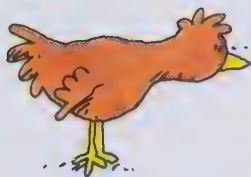
Gnu nets gnu too.

not nice for gnu

rh



A rhinoceros with rhythm is rare.



wren



wreath



wriggling into wreath



wrapped up in wreath



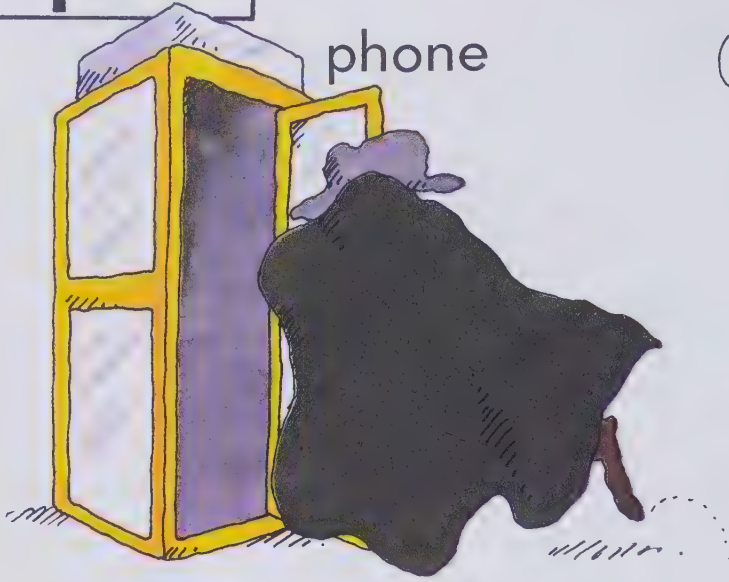
wrestling out of wreath



Wrestling really wrecks a wreath.

ph

phone



The Phantom!



photographer



Phooey!



gh

ghosts



ghastly ghost

ghastlier ghost

ghastliest ghost

ghastly

ghost

gnats

gnu

knights

knobs

knock

knots

knows

phantom

phone

photographer

rhinoceros

rhythm

wrapped

wreath

wrecks

wren

wrestling

wriggling



Beginning Vowels: Long Sounds And Short Sounds

There are only five beginning vowels.

a e i o u

Sometimes **y** is a vowel,
but not at the beginning of a word.

Although there are only five
(and sometimes six) vowels,
there are many vowel sounds.

Each vowel has a long sound
which is the same sound you hear
when you say the name of the letter.

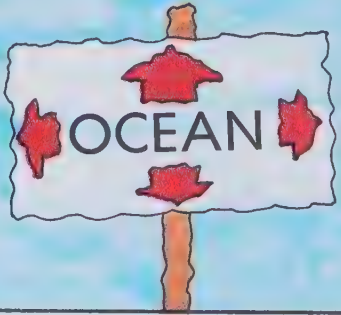
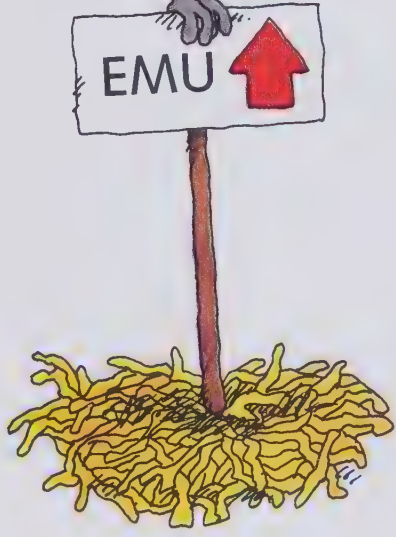
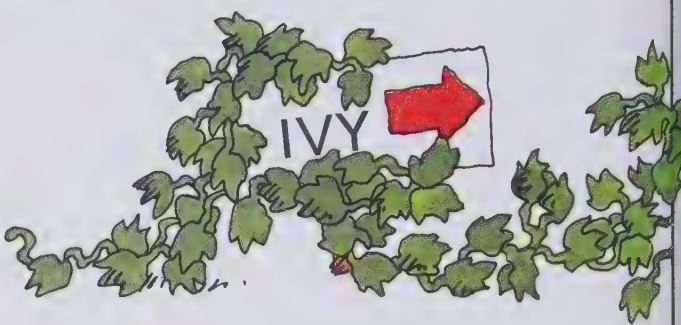
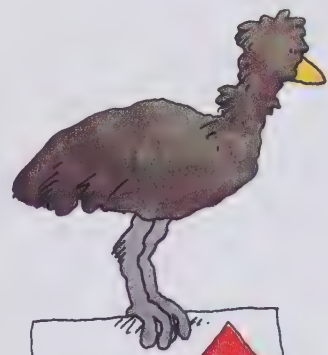
a e i o u

Those are the long sounds.

Each vowel has a short sound, too.

Most of the time a vowel stands for
either its long sound
or its short sound.

Long Sounds



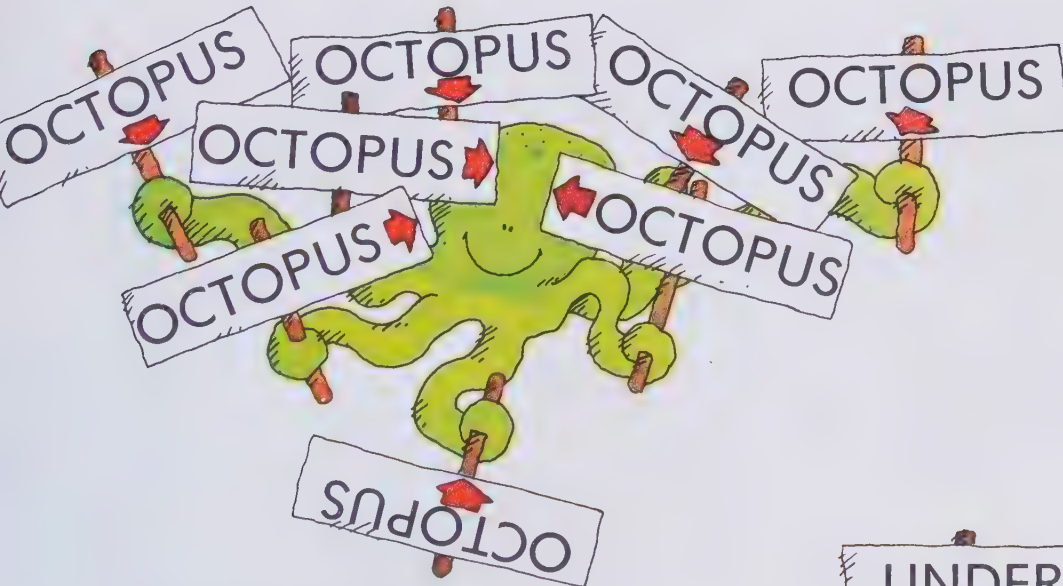


← ALLIGATOR



ELEPHANT →

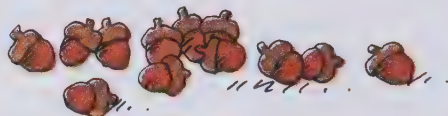
INK →



UNDER
↓

Long **a**

ape in apron



acorns in apron



acorns in ape



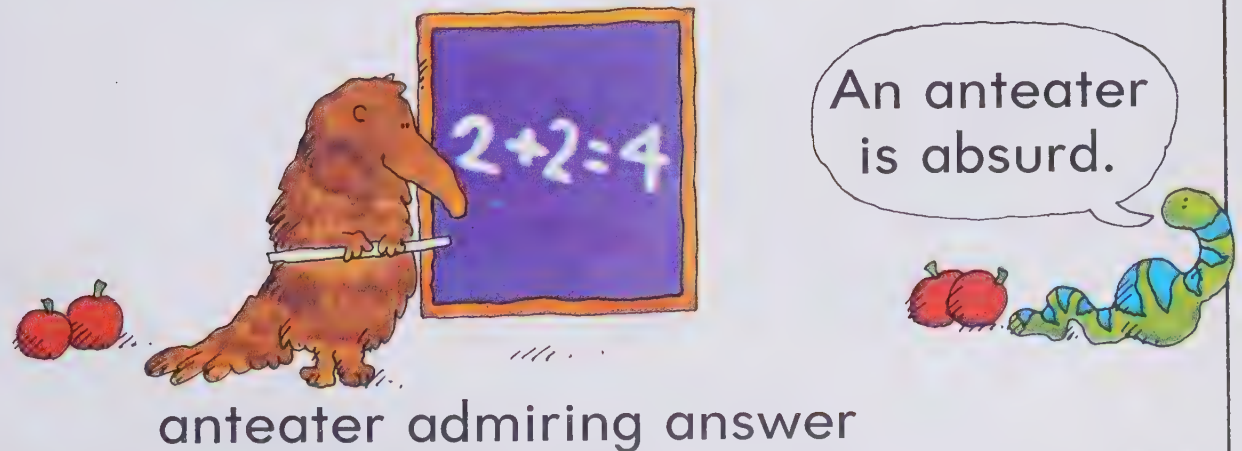
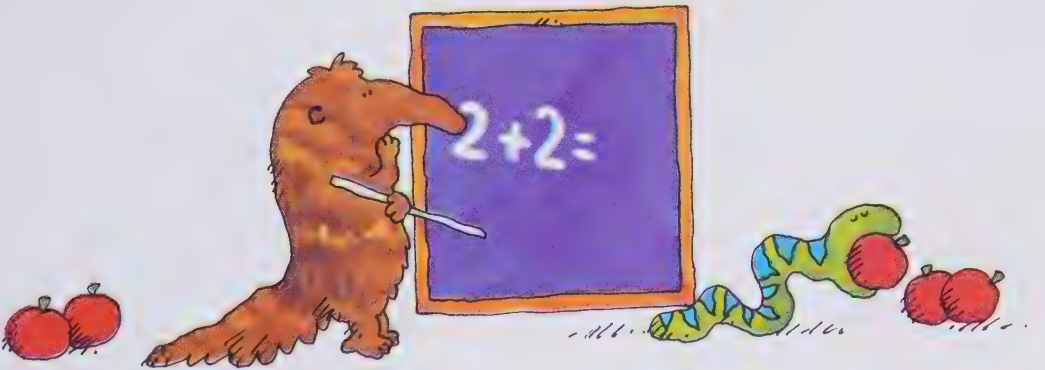
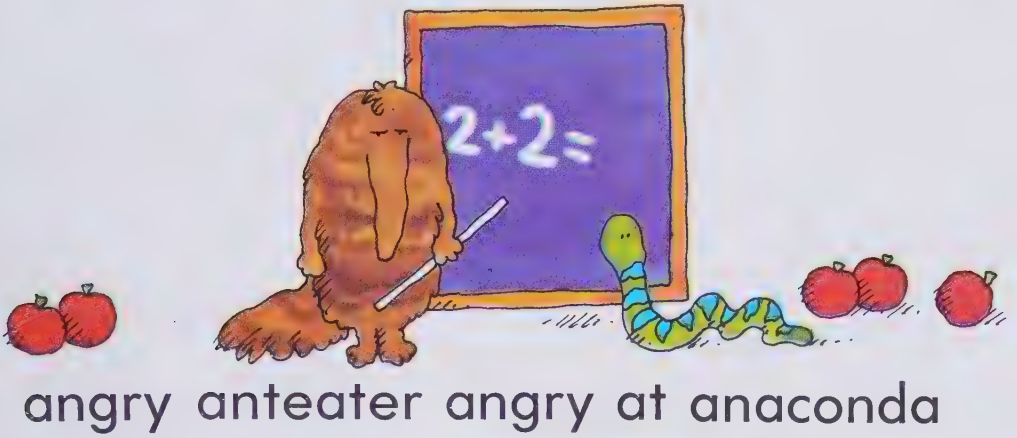
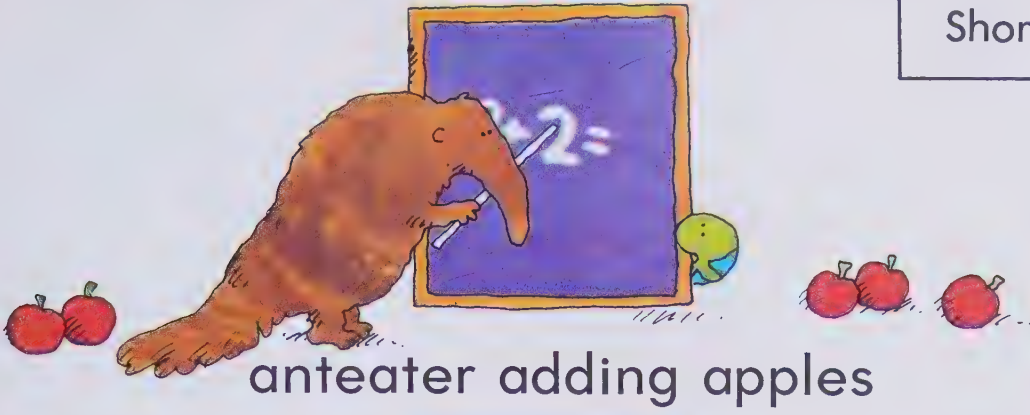
apron in ape



I ate it.



ache in ape



Long e

An emu isn't evil.

An egret isn't evil.

egret

emu

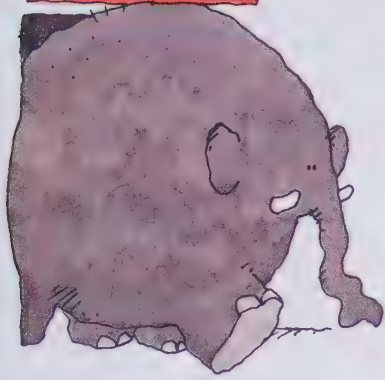
eel

Eek!

Even an eel isn't evil.

ENTRANCE

Short e



elephant entering



elephant exercising



elephant exercising expertly

EXIT



elephant exiting

Elephants are entertaining.

Long **i**

idea



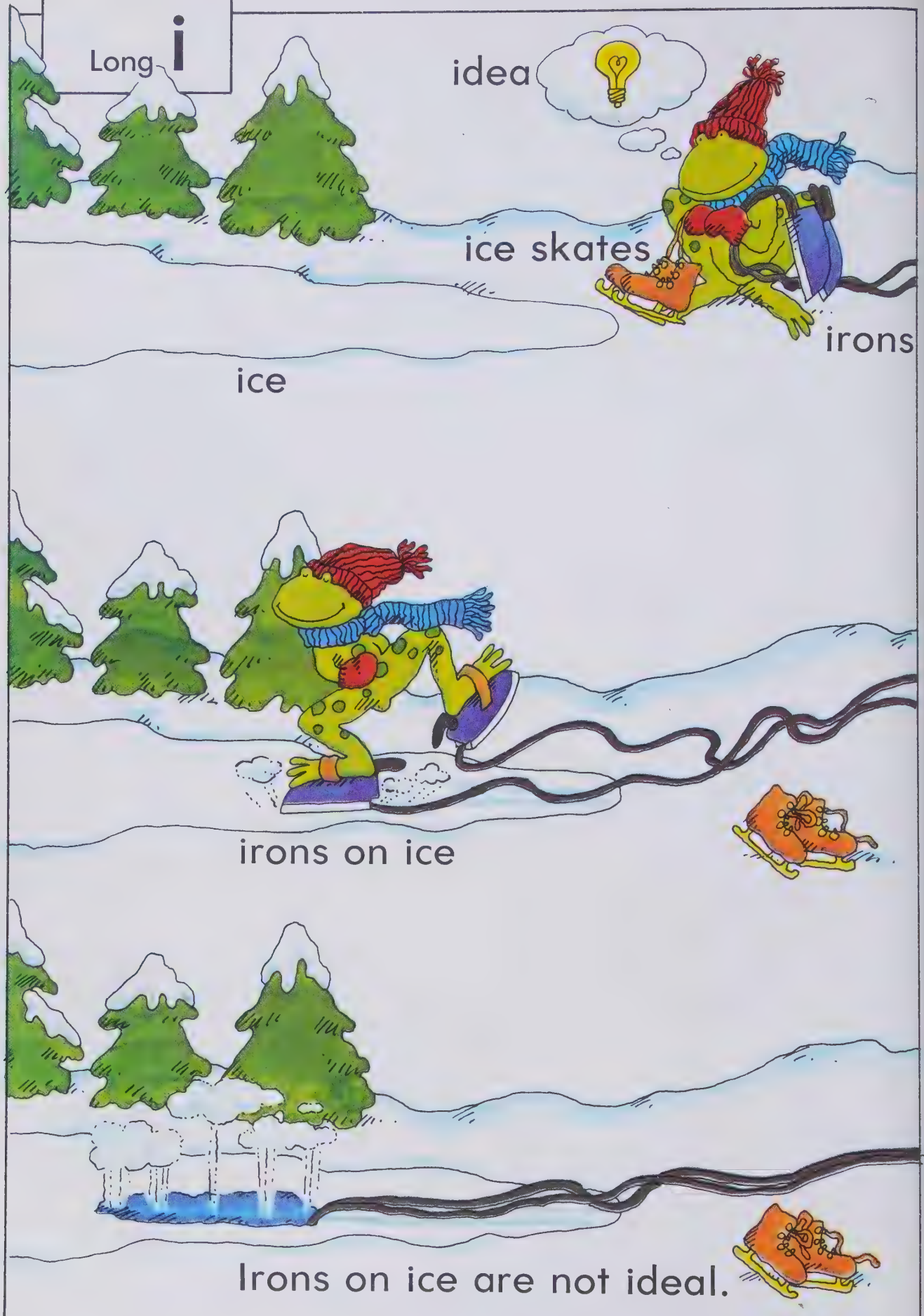
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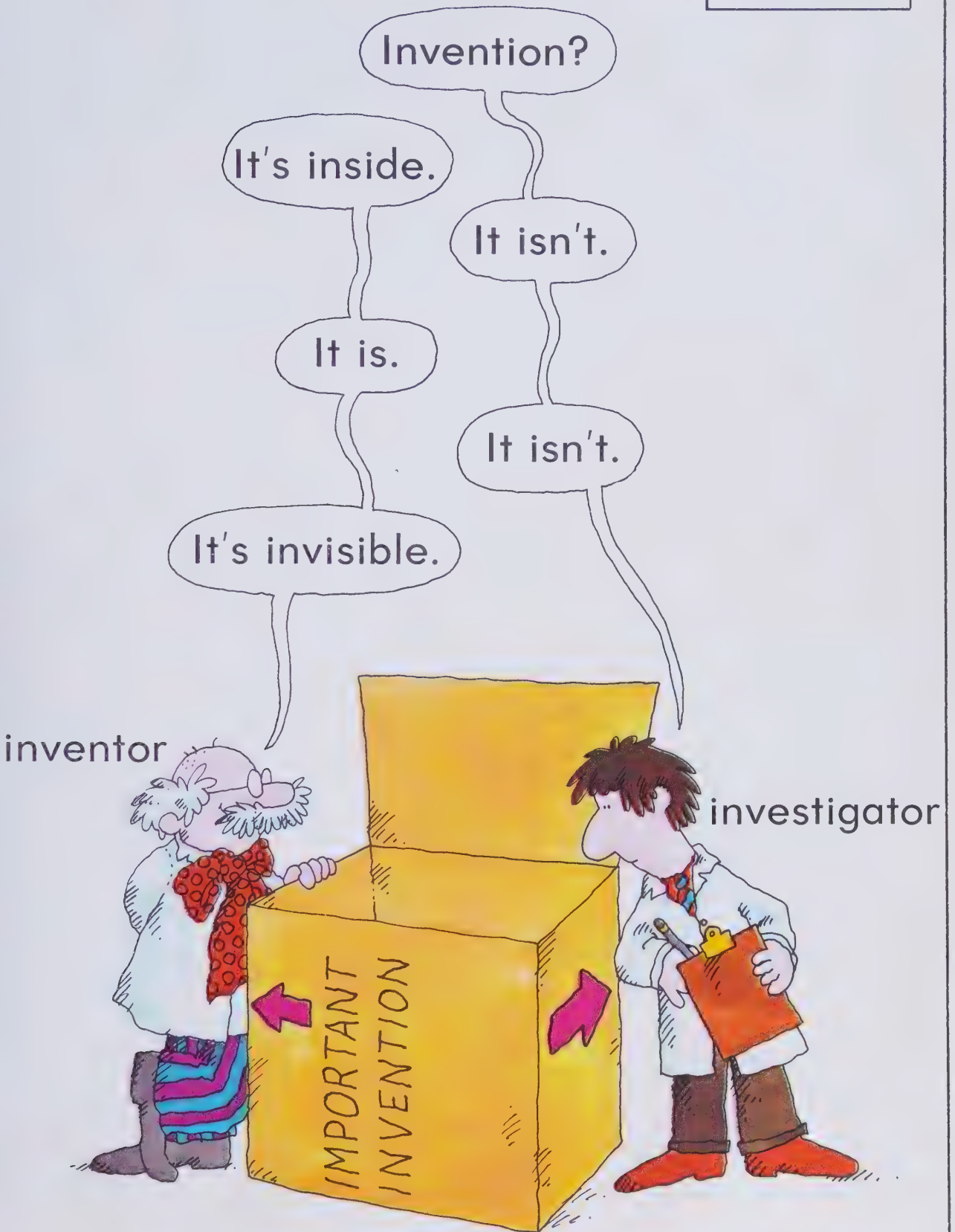
irons

ice

irons on ice

Irons on ice are not ideal.





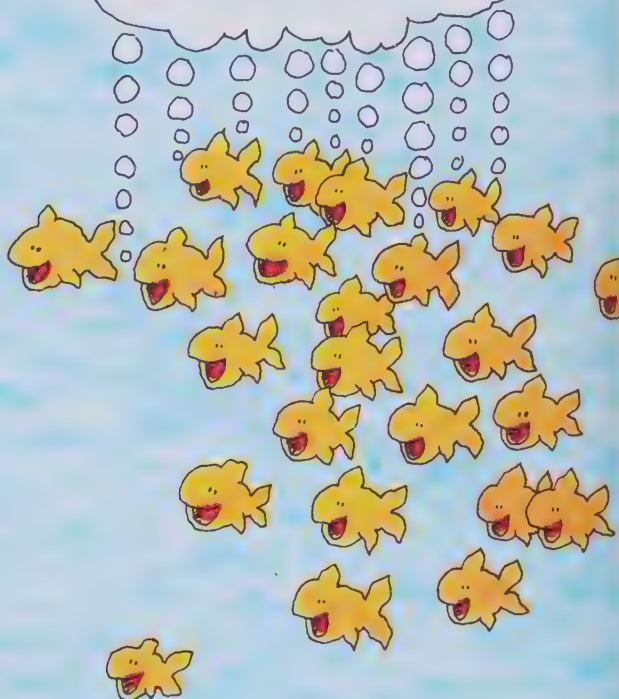
Inventions are interesting.

ocean

old overcoat



Ohhhhhhhhhhh



only overcoat owner in ocean



octopus
with oxfords on



octopus
with oxfords off



octopus
with oxfords on
and oxfords off



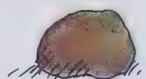
the opposite

Octopuses are odd.

Long U



ukulele



using ukelele

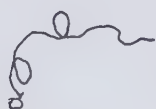
on unicycle



useless unicycle

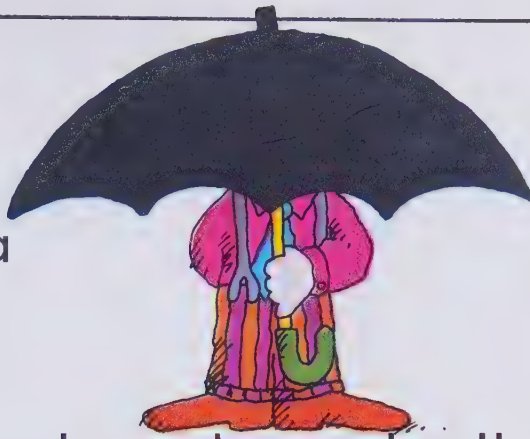


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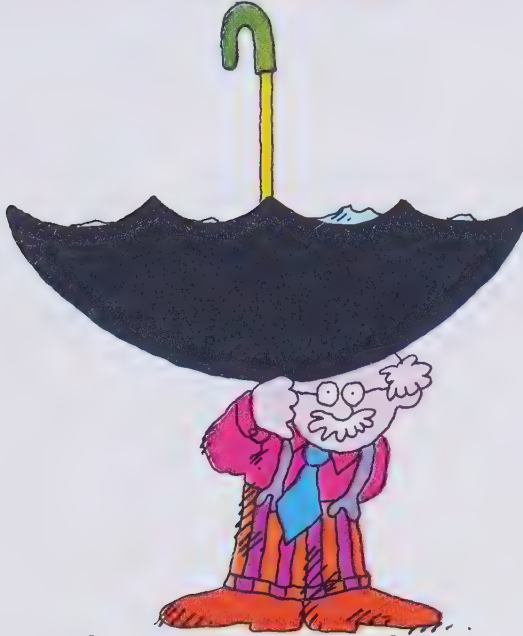


using useless unicycle on useless ukulele

umbrella



uncle under umbrella



uncle under upside-down umbrella



upside-down uncle under upside-down umbrella

Uncle is unusual.

adding	entering	invisible	opposite
alligator	entertaining	irons	overcoat
an	even	is	owner
anaconda	evil	isn't	oxfords
angry	exercising	it	ukulele
answer	exiting	it's	umbrella
anteater	ice	ivy	uncle
ape	idea	ocean	under
apples	ideal	octopus	unicorn
apron	ink	odd	unicycle
at	inside	off	unusual
ate	interesting	old	upside-down
eel	invention	on	useless
elephant	inventor	only	using



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